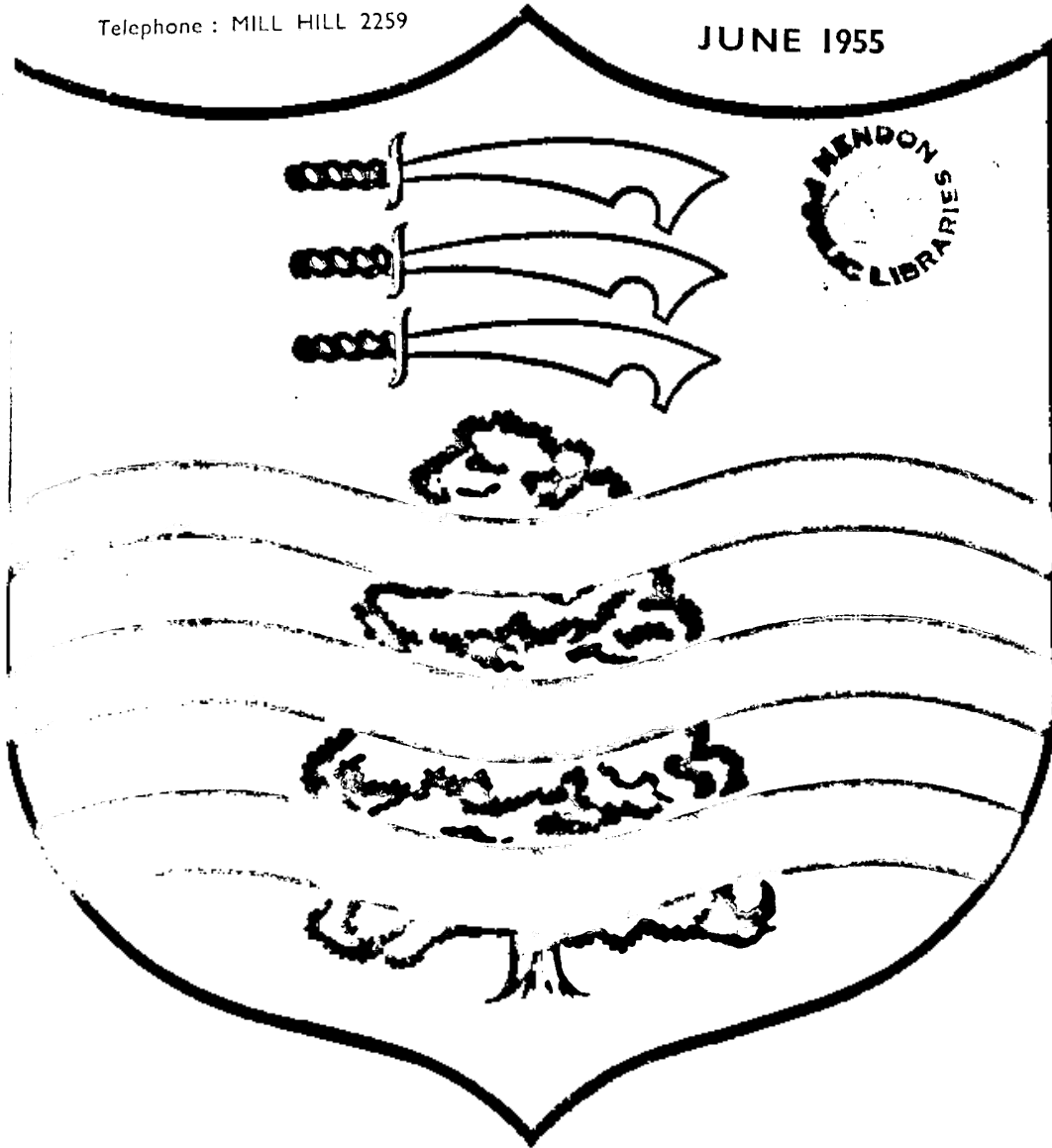


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NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Refuse Collection. Further complaints from local residents had been received concerning the tipping of kitchen refuse into baths by the refuse collectors. This matter had been taken up with the Borough Surveyor and it was hoped this would now stop.

Damage charges to tenants of vacated houses. Following the request of the Association the L.C.C. Director of Housing is now trying to arrange for the inspection of houses a few days before they are vacated to avoid unfair charges to tenants for damage which may be done after they leave.

Deansbrook—Watling Avenue footpath. The Council of the Association has put its views before the Borough Council on the question of the closure of the footpath which runs at the side of the railway. Such closure would create a great deal of difficulties to present users and we object.

Traffic and Road Safety. Following proposals it was agreed the Secretary should take up the following with the Borough Council:

- (a) The question of traffic congestion in Watling Avenue. (This has already been done on a number of occasions in the past);
- (b) The re-directing of heavy traffic from Orange Hill Road, Gervase Road and Montrose Avenue;
- (c) Consideration of possible pedestrian-operated traffic lights at Orange Hill Road/Watling Avenue and Watling Avenue/Burnt Oak Broadway junctions;
- (d) Fencing of the stream in Watling Park near the culvert at the Watling Avenue entry. To prevent mishap to young children.

Welfare Committee. The annual report of the Watling and District Welfare Committee was received. This report contained some welcome news re the work which is being done by the limited number of persons interested. It is still hoped that more members and residents will become conscious of the need in the area. Also that they will offer their services to help extend the work of the Welfare Committee.

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With the return of Mrs. Trickey to the fold, the time has come for me to hand back to her the cares of authorship, but my last paragraphs have nothing but successes to record. Fully attended meetings, happy evenings of chatter and finally a grand social as a send-off to Mrs. Stabler, who is now on the broad bosom of the Atlantic Ocean.

We were delighted to have the daughters and grandchildren of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Meredith with us and it was lovely to see the youngsters enjoying themselves so much. Included in the 'youngster' group must surely be Mr. Thompson, an unending fount of fun and frivolity. We are grateful to have such a member as he, who, despite his own indifferent health, keeps all the proceedings going with a swing and happy hearty laughter. Carry on with the good work George! In the intervals of dancing, we were beautifully entertained by Betty Nyberg in her own inimitable way, with songs both grave and gay. Truly 'I never cried so much in all my life'—with laughter. Her ballad singing was perfect and we are ever indebted to her for her readiness to come along and give us a show. Our thanks go also to Charlie Freeman for a really outstanding turn. With the singing of 'Now is the hour' and 'Auld land syne' we bade 'Au revoir' to our Happy Wanderer. A few of us were able to go to Waterloo Station to wave (somewhat enviously) 'Goodbye,' and returned to the club, where, to our intense delight we had a record number of our girls from U.S.A. with us—for joining the two already here, was Mrs. Lewis' daughter Mrs. Betty Huffman and her two children, looking very bonny indeed. I can think of no finer note on which to finish.

HAROLD BROMIGE.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

During April month the club suffered its greatest loss in the resignation of the Chairman, Mr. V. J. Sterling. When Mr. Sterling was appointed Home-Teacher of the Blind in this district he found no amenities provided in Edgware for blind folk, and five years ago he started this club from nothing at all. It now numbers nearly 100 members, including sighted helpers, and holds friendly meetings every week at the Watling Community Centre, with the activities which are reported in these columns.

On the 12th Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were presented with a clock and a tea-service by the President, Mr. Horace Wright, on behalf of the club.

Mr. Sterling has taken up an appointment in Leicester; Miss M. White succeeds him as Home-Teacher, and Mr. E. L. Gofton as Club-Chairman: we wish every success to all three of them.

During the month some 50 members have attended all the ordinary meetings, generally about 35 blind and 15 sighted.

On 5th and 26th domino drives were held, and prizes were won by Miss Seymour, Mr. Shipman (booby prize), and Mrs. Benfell. On the 12th Mrs. Spruce arranged a musical afternoon with a string quartette, some songs and a recitation; an admirable entertainment which was much appreciated, it was directed by Mrs. Harper. On the 19th Mrs. Murison gave two readings,



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WATLING WEEK PROGRAMME

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Saturday, 11th.—CARNIVAL PROCESSION—3 p.m.

BINGO—7.45 p.m.

Sunday, 12th.—COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE, Wesley Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Monday, 13th.—OLD TYME DANCING—7.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 14th.—DRAMA: by Guild of Players—7.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 15th.—OLD TIME MUSIC HALL—7.45 p.m.

Thursday, 16th.—COMBINED SOCIAL—7.45 p.m.

Friday, 17th.—WHIST DRIVE—7.45 p.m.

Saturday, 18th.—SUPPER AND DANCE—7.30 p.m.

BASEBALL (to be arranged).

Carnival Queen. Watling's carnival queen for 1955 has been elected; she is Rita Waite and was chosen from about ten finalists. The queen's two maids-in-waiting are Nora Hurn and Doreen Fonder. The three girls are local and are members of the Centre's Youth Club.

What do you do with your Sunday Evenings? Nothing? Then why not come along to the Community Centre and join in with others for table tennis, billiards, snooker, darts, in a friendly atmosphere.

Come to the Centre on Sunday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The Secretary of the Sunday evening club is Miss Jean Bickham and she would be pleased to welcome new members of either sex.

VIEWPOINT

At times—especially when we consider the real needs in this area—we become disheartened by the lack of helpers who are prepared to bring 'a ray of sunshine' into the lives of others.

We listen to reports on welfare work; we pass votes of thanks and appreciation; we talk glibly of the need for this or the need for that; but so few of us do more.

30 minutes in each week will make it possible for some old person's garden to be kept tidy and that old person's self-respect maintained. 30 minutes in each month will make it possible for approximately a road of 150 houses to be covered with the *Watling Resident*; 30 minutes in each month is enough to collect, at least, ten members' subscription to the Community Association: Two hours from time to time will add to the service in the canteen or help with the running of the Youth Club; one evening a week should be given up to some leisure time pursuit—and so on.

Have you thought about your needs and the needs of others? Can you do something positive about this. We invite you to the Community Centre to help others as well as yourselves.

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WHIST DRIVES Fridays at 8.0.

DRESSMAKING Tuesday 2.45.

EMBROIDERY Wednesday 2.30.

CONCERT PARTY Tuesday 7.30.

Billiards Table. Discussion has been going on for a long time now regarding a permanent billiards room at the Centre with one or more full-sized tables. It is generally agreed that this would be an asset. It would enhance the popularity of the Centre and bring in more adult members.

Weightlifting Club. The Watling Association Weightlifting Club is still doing well in the weightlifting world and welcomes all prospective weightlifters at club meetings on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. If you want to develop your lifting—if you wish to know more about lifting—why not come along to the Community Centre?

Youth Club. The winners of the various knock-out competitions were as follows:

Michael Hanafin, Darts; Fred Hicks, Table Tennis; George Tye, Billiards; Derek Jeaves, Shove-Halfpenny and Draughts; Patrick Mills, Snooker.

Each was presented with a plaque consisting of a silver shield mounted on a oak shield.

MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

It has been pointed out to me that my notes in the *Resident* have been missed by our members as well as others in the last few issues.

Our new Editor, that well-known personage Fred Lake, has been pointing his blue pencil at me and saying 'What about it?'

Well, I am always ready to oblige. Whilst I am writing this, our first Club Event of the year—our popular 'Chalk Chase'—should have been over, but something went wrong at the starting place; even the weather went wrong; I shall have to invent some water-proof chalk for next time.

I should like on behalf of the club to extend a very warm welcome to the new faces we have with us; may their membership with our happy club be long and joyful: Mrs. Anne Grange, Miss Pat Lumley, John Grange, George Benwell, Peter Jeffries, Henry Shinn, Ken Bateman, Alan Porter, John Berridge and Thomas Borland.

I expect by the time you read all this, Whitsun will be over; going by our fixture list we were camping at Wallingford-on-Thames.

I very much regret to report that Ken Bateman, a 22 year-old member, met with a fatal accident near Roxborough Bridge, Harrow, on the way home from a party late at night. His passenger, Joseph Morrison, was detained in Harrow Hospital with concussion and shock.

It seemed that Ken struck a lamp standard on a traffic island by the bridge. How it happened is not known at the moment.

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We in the club are very shocked to have this happen to a friend and member who we considered a very safe and careful motor cyclist.

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Poultry Club. The egg show recently held at the Centre by the club provided some very good entries. The results in the various grades were:
1st—Mr. Potter, 19 and 14 points. 2nd—Mr. May, 16 and 15 points.
3rd.—Mrs. Myland, 15½ and 12 points.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On April 7th we had a social afternoon, when members were entertained with a film show given by the courtesy of Messrs Shippains, the fish paste manufacturers.

On April 21st a meeting of the Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre; Mrs. E. Knight, Chairman, presided. A talk on youth organisations was given by Mr. Frank Griffith, Hendon Youth Officer. He explained how the youth movement started, how local authorities could help and how the right home life could influence the children.

There was some discussion, and a vote of thanks to the speakers was proposed by Mrs. Dunn, seconded by Mrs. Uwin. Novelty awards were won by Mesdames A. Smith, Hepkin, Staines.

On April 23rd there was a large gathering of members of the Guild, their husbands and friends, at a social held at Watling Centre. The programme included dances and novelty items and a sketch entitled 'All the World Over.' This was produced by Mrs. E. Knight and those taking part were Mesdames Booth, Beare, Burton, Brusselen, Marshall, McKay, Chapman.

Novelty awards were won by Mesdames Ratcliffe, Bailey, Brusselen, O'Hara, and Messrs. Lake, Filby. Pianist and vocalist were Barbara and Jim Vials, and at the drums was Mr. H. Venn.

On April 26th members attended the Townswomen's Craft Day, held at the Goodwyn Avenue Methodist Hall, Mill Hill. Members exhibited work made at the art and craft classes, and Mrs. E. Knight and Mrs. Chapman, helped with refreshments. Mrs. Chapman was in the hat parade, showing models made at millinery classes.

This exhibition, opened by the Mayoress, was very well supported and there were items of every possible kind on show from fire screens to flower arrangements. It was mentioned that a new guild is opening at Edgware.

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History of the Watling Association. There are still copies of *The first 21 years* for sale at the Centre.

S.J.A.B. Social. Mr. and Mrs. Vear represented the Association at a special social arranged by the local St. John Ambulance Brigade on St. George's Day.

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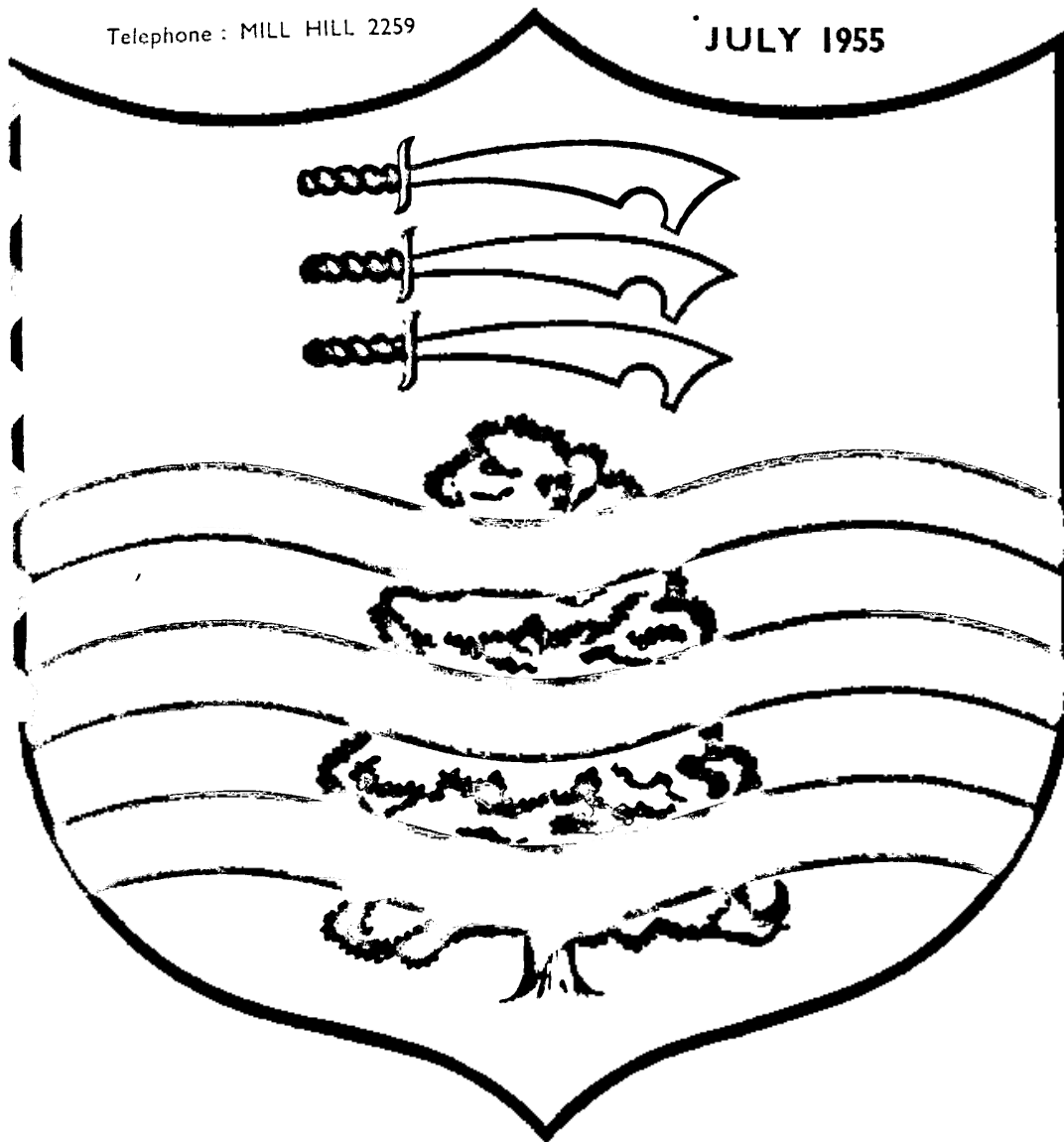
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VIEWPOINT

A short while ago another local magazine reported on difficulties in obtaining voluntary workers and in running some of its activities.

This is not a problem of one association, but a problem which is seriously affecting many associations throughout the country. In our annual reports some of us gloss over the vital question of "living community" and report only on a few successful ventures or glibly explain away our many failures.

Let us face the fact that despite heroic work which is being put in by a few people, despite some improvement in the affairs of the Association, despite the help from more members—we are still not the community we could, and must, be.

Over the past four years efforts have been made to awaken the interest of our readers and—through the local press—local residents. Appeals, exhortations and the like have not born much fruit and we have to ask ourselves:—

1. Do residents read the *Watling Resident* and the local press?
2. If they do, why is it they cannot face up to the need for a live association and a homely community centre?
3. Do we want things provided on a plate or are we to help one another?

There are a number of very real needs on the Watling estate at the moment. Youth work and service work for the old, sick and lonely both urgently need helpers who are prepared to do a little something. If you are unable to help why not enthruse others?

WATLING WEEK

The carnival this year was well up to standard, and we were favoured with better weather than last year when we were almost flooded out. The queen, Miss Rita Waite, with her attendants (Miss Nora Hurn and Miss Doreen Forder) looked very attractive and drew the admiration of the people en route. The social function arranged for the evening after the carnival was so well patronised that unfortunately some members could not get in.

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The old-time dance was well attended. The three-act play *Leap in the Dark* was well done and received on Tuesday. Congratulations to the Guild of Players for their fine team work.

The music hall on Wednesday drew a large audience and on Thursday the combined social proved very popular.

Friday's £5 top whist drive was well attended and Mrs. Venn was the lucky winner.

It was with great regret that we noticed the absence through ill health of our President, Mr. A. I. Jones, from the Watling Week dinner. His place as chairman was taken by Mr. Stan Sharpe, deputy Mayor of Hendon.

A special welcome was given to the new Mayor, Councillor Dudley A. Davis and the Mayoress who were attending the dinner for the first time. Other guests were Councillor Mrs. G. M. Thubrun; the 1955 carnival queen, Miss Rita Waite; and the poor man's lawyer, Mr. Solomons, with his wife.

The combined church service at the Woodcroft Hall was not so well attended. We must make great efforts and get across more publicity next year. The churches and the Community Association are not so close together as they might be!

Carnival Parade Winners for 1955.

Class I. 1st, Taylor Walker; 2nd, North Thames Gas; 3rd London Co-op.

Class II. 1st, Express Dairies; 2nd, Hendon Savings C.; 3rd, Borough Show C.

Class III. 1st, Association (Queen's lorry); 2nd, Townwomen's Guild; 3rd, Poultry Club.

Individual Decorated Cycles. 1st, Robert Stevens; 2nd David Stanley; 3rd, H. Aldridge.

We were unfortunate in not being able to obtain the services of a band. From the professional work such as Taylor, Walker's tableau to the purely amateur it was obvious a great deal of thought and work had been put into the parade. The Association wishes to express its thanks to Messrs. Spargo and Arnott, who judged the parade; Mr. Frank Mitchel, for playing the piano for the Gay Forty Mandoliers; also, all those who assisted in any capacity towards the success of Watling Week.

DRUMS AND FIFES

There seems to be a dearth of bands in this district, whether they be bugle, fife, bagpipe or brass. There must be ex-service men and others who belonged to a drum and fife band at some time. Would it be possible to start up a band at the Centre? Let us have your views on the subject.

YOUTH CLUB

We regret the loss of some of the old faces in the Youth Club. The old stalwarts who comprised the football team appear to have—like old soldiers—"faded away." Mr. Hathaway has a very difficult job of work in satisfying all the needs of a large membership in confined premises. Efforts have been



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made to provide other activities in alternative accommodation but, owing to a lack of helpers, these activities have not been entirely successful.

There must be a number of parents on the estate who feel there is a need for youth clubs. Should any wish to help, please contact Mr. Hathaway on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Council Meetings.

It is now the policy of the Association to have an outside speaker to open the monthly Council meetings with a talk on some topical subject.

So far, we have had talks on rents, Kenya and, at the last meeting, experiences and observations of life in South Africa, by Mrs. Trickey.

Isle of Wight.

Although the outing to the Isle of Wight had to be postponed because of the rail strike, arrangements are now being made for the trip to take place as soon as convenient.

The Gay Forties will also be spending their holidays at the Isle of Wight.

EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

The Club's fifth Birthday Party was held in the spacious Hartley Hall. His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress of Hendon were present and His Worship addressed the meeting, as did Miss Jean Robinson and Miss D. Menzies (*Chairman and Secretary, M.A.B.*), Miss Seymour (*Middlesex Welfare Dept.*), Mr. Horace Wright, *President of the Club*, Mr. E. L. Gofton, *Chairman*, Mr. V. J. Sterling, *ex-Chairman*, a very welcome visitor, and Miss Tolman, *Vice-chairman*.

An excellent "sit-down" tea was provided, with a birthday cake, which was cut by Miss Janet Price, the youngest member. The catering was under the charge of Mrs. Rowley, with a sub-committee of Mrs. Friend, Mrs. Goodson and Mrs. Tennet, but a dozen other ladies (and a man or two) also gave much help. The entertainments included Mrs. Greene's singing to Mrs. Bonner's accompaniment, a fine display of singing to accordion-playing by Mr. Walter Edwards, songs by Miss Janet Price and Mr. J. Bradley, and a flute solo by Mr. English. Mr. Schofield's band played dance-music with a good deal of fun interspersed during the dancing. Meantime the Mayoress kindly drew the raffle, and the show concluded with a concert by Mr. Gould's 'Co-optimists' of Wembley, conducted by Mr. Chamberlain. Our warm thanks are herein tendered to our many helpers.

This account has crowded out notes of a Quiz, and a visit of about 60 members to Kew Gardens in very fine weather on 24th May, and of an excellent panel who sat on 31st to answer "Any Questions."

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Certain boys from the area all under 18 years of age—are paying regular visits to local hostels and are being served. How is the hotel keeper to know the boys are under age?

Allotment holders spend a great deal of time and energy in working allotments to provide fresh food for the home. Why is it some residents watch their children undoing the work which has been put in? Do they resent the industry of the allotment holders or are they merely 'cussed'?

We have noticed the many children of both sexes who spend a great deal of their time just hanging around the streets. No doubt, many of these children do obtain some enjoyment from street games, but we are sure they would obtain greater enjoyment in some organised activity. Are there any volunteers to do something?

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

May 5th. Social Afternoon. The proceeds of a bring and buy stall went to the Cancer Research Fund. May 19th. A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre. Mrs. E. Knight presided. An interesting talk was given by Sergeant Butler, of Edgware Police Station, on the work and duties of the women police. She explained how women are trained, and outlined some of the problems and inquiries brought to her notice, including missing daughters and child delinquents. This was followed by an interesting discussion.

Mrs. Chapman, the delegate to the national council meeting at Edinburgh, gave an outline of the final agenda.

Outing to Brighton. Two coaches of members set out on the 7th June for their annual outing to Brighton; starting from the "Stag Hotel" in rainy weather but high spirits, by the time we reached the cafe for refreshments the weather cleared and, the sun shining, everyone was happy. At 4 p.m. members met at a cafe, where a very nice tea was waiting. The return journey was made in brilliant sunshine. L.C.F.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Following the annual conference at Eastbourne was the report which was made most interesting to those members who were unable to be present, both the delegates and visitors had a most enjoyable and encouraging weekend. One of the main issues from the conference was the amalgamation of our association to the War Brides.

This has been a month of social activities: first was the welcome home to Mrs. Trickey and the farewell to Mrs. Stabler on her visit to her daughter and, incidentally, a first peep at her very first granddaughter born a few days before her departure. On May 9th another social to welcome home our Mrs. Lewis's daughter (Mrs. Huffman) and her two children, and to say farewell to Mrs. Solana and her three children who have been staying with her mother, Mrs. Meredith for the past eight months. Also, to wish *bon voyage* to Mr. da Costa who is on a visit to the States. The club wish to put on record their thanks to Betty Nyberg and the two boys who entertained us. Grateful thanks too, go

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to our social Secretary Mrs. Nyberg. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a nice day when we are going to Westgate by coach.

We are always looking forward to making new members, so dear readers if you have or know someone who has a son or daughter married and living overseas, whether it be the States or Timbuktu, there's a welcome waiting for you at the Centre on Monday evenings. I would like to add my own thanks to Mr. Bromige for writing the monthly article during my absence overseas.

A. TRICKEY.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our May Morning Breakfast, held on 1st May, was shared by many friends from other schools, Mr. and Mrs. Vear and some visitors. We thank all who so generously contributed to our well-stocked tables, the home-made bread provided by Mrs. Durant being especially enjoyed. Mrs. Richardson and her social committee came very early on that morning so that we should enjoy, as we surely did, this lovely event. Mr. Lance Evans spoke to us afterwards on "roots" and the "adult school."

Speakers on other days to whom we are very grateful were: Mr. Vear, who described, from practical experience, the purpose and need of new estates and towns; Mrs. Delf-Smith, who spoke of the botanist's answer to the need for roots; the Reverend Robson, who brought a lovely Easter message; Mr. Sid Goode, whose subject was "the historian's view of man's need for roots;" Mr. Sturge, who told us more of his Berlin visit; and Mr. Chown who spoke on "Safety First."

Sincere thanks are due to Mrs. Bye, Mrs. Moutell, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Woolhead for most interesting reports of various meetings they attended.

VISIT TO CADBURYS

The School couldn't have picked a better day for their visit to Cadburys chocolate factory at Birmingham. The sun shone all day long, it was a very pleasant coach ride through the countryside at its best. A short stay at Coventry for lunch and a quick look round, and then on again to Birmingham.

At the factory we were ushered into the fine theatre with its imposing organ, not to see a show, but to split up into small groups under the charge of charming lady guides who then escorted us round the works explaining the progress of the cocoa bean right through the various processes of manufacture until it emerged as chocolate, cocoa, cocoa butter or biscuit.

Everything is done at the factory—printing, box-making, packing; a whole process of manufacture with modern machinery for quick and efficient production. We much appreciated a wash and brush up and a very nice tea.

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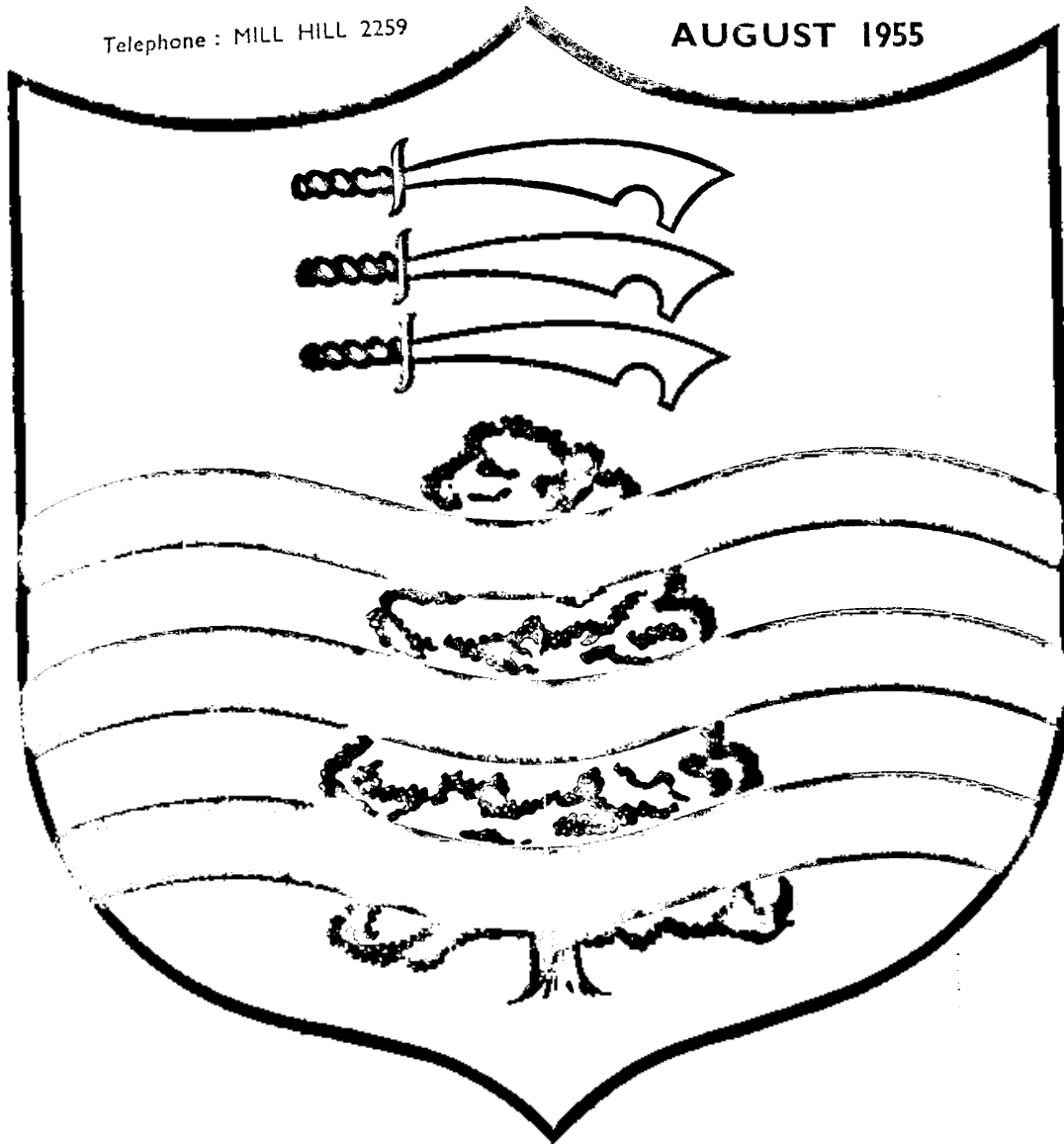


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VIEWPOINT

Following the 1955 Carnival Parade there has been some discussion, and a number of proposals for future years have been put forward. The most important of these proposals is that the whole of Watling and District should come together to plan and arrange the Watling Carnival Parade. The Community Association would only be part of a wider organisation, and responsibility for the Parade would rest entirely on this proposed new "organising group." Whilst not pre-judging the proposal we do feel it to be essential for all groups to honestly co-operate in such a venture if it is to be successful. Not only must they pay lip service to the idea, but they must also aid the "organising group" and make sure there are sufficient entries to warrant the Parade and to represent more fully the organisations in this area. During the past five years we have developed from two classes of entry to four classes; we have had our ups and downs—with local organisations tending to drop away from the Parade and apparently no new group prepared to support this Watling Day.

We should make it quite clear the Community Association does not make money out of the Parade but, since we feel this event to be a worthwhile local festival, we have attempted to keep it alive.

Are there any supporters for next year's Parade; have you any suggestions? Write to the Secretary of the Community Association.

HENDON SHOW

The Hendon Federation of Community Associations: Watling C.A., Mill Hill East C.A., Claremont C.A., and West Hendon C.A. have been granted the same facilities as last year at the Hendon Show from Wednesday, August 10th to Saturday, August 13th. Meetings have been held by the four Associations to discuss an attractive way to dress the stall, and also the best means of getting over the simple message "What is a Community Association."

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CYCLING--IS IT HARD WORK?

By L. A. KIPP (Secretary N.C.U. North-West Section)

There are over 10 million cyclists in this country. Perhaps you are one. The majority are utility riders, using their machines solely for journeys to and from work, for shopping, for delivery work, or other short trips. The very thought of cycling any further tires them out. And as for those who go out in all weathers to ride all day . . . Mad, every one of them. Yes I suppose to the average person we are, yet they may envy us if they were enlightened.

The person who cycles these 100 or more miles a day, takes his cycling seriously, and in doing so, ensures that it does not tire him out unduly. He makes certain that his cycle suits him to a "T"—No heavy machine for him, but a well made light-weight touring machine, well adjusted and oiled. He experiments with the position of the saddle and handlebars for he knows that a slight adjustment in the right place will stop backache and other strains. The choice of position means a great deal when you stay on the cycle all day.

Having found a suitable machine our cyclist can cycle to his heart's content, but what makes him want to do it? There are many reasons: an escape from every day life and worries—the thrill of seeing some thing or place new—the sense of achievement—the love of the countryside—companionship. These things make a fellow or lass keep on cycling once they start—in all weathers. It is surprising how different the countryside looks in the rain, snow, frost or even on a bright summer day.

There are many clubs which cater for the cyclist, where folk have gathered together for their mutual enjoyment. They all may have a different reason for cycling but they find that they enjoy it even more when sharing it with another. One such club is the Harp R.C. (also known as N.C.U. North-West Section) who organise a programme of runs every Sunday with an experienced person to lead the way. As Secretary I extend a cordial welcome to you to join us any time any place, and then you can see for yourself.

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EDGWARE AND DISTRICT CLUB FOR THE BLIND

In June, only four meetings of the Club were held, but they included one of the most important of the year, the Annual Outing, which was held at Eastbourne on 14th. It was a great success and an account of it has been published by the Chairman.

On 21st a Talk entitled "Travel Reminiscences" was given by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. Carmalt Jones, who claims to have travelled 100,000 miles by sea, chiefly between countries in the Pacific Ocean.

Domino Drives were held on 7th, when Miss Dawe, Mr. Fountain and Mrs. Frewen were the winners, and on 28th when they were Mrs. Shipman and Mrs. Knight. At a "Free Raffle" Mrs. Knight and Mr. Fountain won.

CENTRE POINTS

Youth Gramophone Club. Some of the items discussed at the last Executive meeting included the provision of accommodation for the youth section gramophone club. This can only work successfully if some person would volunteer to be steward for the evening.

Centre Car Park. Up to recently the area allotted for a car park has become very untidy with shacks, bivouacs and odd structures arising at various places. Even proprietary names being painted on walls. It has been decided in committee that this must cease, and that cars are parked at the owners' risks also that no alteration in any way should be made to Centre premises.

Lighting. The lighting in the memorial or "C" room is at last being improved. It has been very poor especially for card or other visual activities.

Amplifier. The provision of an amplifier or loud speaker has long been desired at the Centre. Ted Allan offered us one for £25 but we ain't got the £25. Any offers?

Hall Floor. At last we have been compelled to send for quotations for the repair of the Hall floor. The reason this necessary job has been so long delayed is because it is going to cost such a lot of money. And we have little.

Floral Queen. A suggestion is being made to the Hendon Borough Council that in future Hendon's Floral Queen should be a Hendon girl, selected from one of the youth organisations in the district. In the past it has been thrown open to professional and other people from any area.

Wood You? Frigidarcs have kindly given a supply of wood for the old people and now, all we want, is volunteers to chop and deliver it. Now's your chance to do a good turn.

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Youth. In order that the youth club may function properly, they must form a committee. This they seem to find difficult to do.

The Youth Management Committee comprising: Mr. Jack Taylor, Mr. Walters, Mr. Lodge and Mr. F. Lake, are now endeavouring to get the Club to form this committee, also to try and arrange some outdoor activities such as tennis, cricket, running, etc. To get this to function properly, volunteers of all ages for stewarding are required.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

On June 6th, the Club had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Winfield a visitor from Canada who had come to the old Country armed with many addresses from G.I. Brides to their parents. He gave an interesting talk and also a generous contribution to our Social Fund. Sunday June 12th dawned with the rain pouring down, but before we reached Margate the sun was shining and we had a grand outing. Monday the 13th we joined the Olde Tyme Dance in the big Hall and thoroughly enjoyed the evening, the following week we had the joy of meeting together and comparing notes, etc. Several of our daughters have had increases in their families and when one reads that the population of the U.S. is increasing, one must admit that our G.I. daughters are playing their part. Lots of you know Mr. and Mrs. Roblou and their son Doug who four years ago went to the States with his wife and two children. Now the wife and the children are spending a holiday here and on the 20th we heard of their life in the States; they made many comparisons. On July 25th a social is being arranged to wish *bon voyage* to Mrs. Lewis's daughter and to her three children who are returning home in early August and also to Mrs. Roblou, Junior and children.

A. TRICKEY.

DRESSMAKING AND EMBROIDERY CLASSES

It is hoped to plan these classes again next year. Dressmaking will be held on Tuesday afternoons and Embroidery on Wednesdays.

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The Secretary of the Community Association will be pleased to supply further information to those interested.

Old People. At the last Council meeting, Mr. Edwards gave a talk on "Old Peoples' Welfare" and enlightened us on the amount being done all over the country, and in other countries for old people. No longer is it the practice to herd old people in institutions but to mingle them in bungalows or dwellings amongst other people of all ages. In some cases to give them light congenial work to do, and above all to make them feel independent.

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Car Park. Arrangements for the completion of a car park behind Burnt Oak station will be put in hand as soon as the plans have been approved.

Memorial. A scheme, proposed by the Men's Club, to re-site the memorial—now situate in "C" room—in the hall way is being considered.

Plans are now being drawn up and if agreed to by the Council it is hoped that the new site will be more convenient and have more appeal and wider interest. There will be a new memorial book commemorating the services of past workers.

Square Dance Club. The square dancers, the strains of whose music and sonorous chanting enchants us on Wednesday evenings, are forming themselves into a club and will now be a section of the Centre, new members are welcome.

N.U. Oddfellows. It is regretted that owing to the dearth of new members, the National Union of Oddfellows who have been meeting regularly at the Centre for something over 17 years, have found it necessary to discontinue to meet.

BABY SHOW

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH—2.30 p.m.

Class A. Under 9 months.

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All ages are effective on the day of the Show and the Association reserves the right to transfer entries to correct Classes in the event of an error in entry.

Entry Fee 6d. Apply The Watling Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, before Saturday, August 27th.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

On 16th June, Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild held its monthly meeting at the Watling Centre with a good attendance, Mrs. E. Knight presided.

A Talk on food, vitamins and diet was given by Mrs. Doris Grant, she has also written books entitled *Dear Housewives*, and *Your Daily Bread*. Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Allcorn and Mrs. Filly.

At a recent social afternoon a sketch was presented, *All the World Over*, by the Drama Group.

Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild won a shield for second place in Class 1 in the Watling Carnival, with a period set-piece, produced by the Drama Group.

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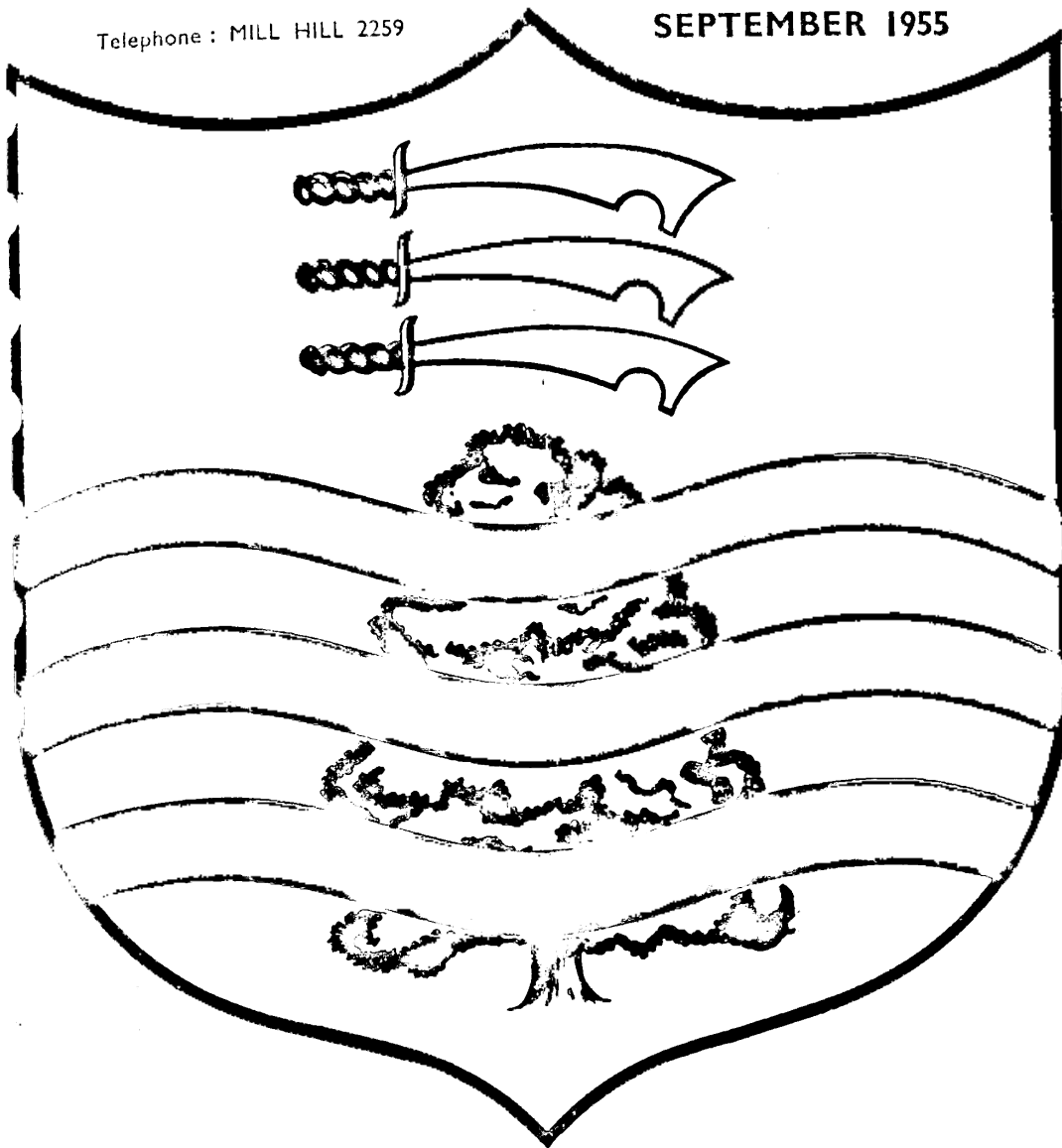


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VIEWPOINT

YOUR CENTRE

The Watling Community Association is in need of new members, new blood and new life. It if doesn't get some soon it will die.

The enthusiasm, faith, resolution and hard work of the early pioneers to get the Association and the Centre into being were maintained in great spirit for a number of years. In recent years however, the fire has been burning lower and lower and unless the people of Watling wake up to the fact that the responsibility is theirs, the Centre—which was won so valiantly and which we are so fortunate in having—may be lost to us.

For any community of people to be healthy and happy it is essential that there be some common meeting place, where folk can associate, exchange troubles and ideas and, by a common creative effort, get something into being, whether it be educational, recreational or social.

There is unlimited scope in our Community Association for voluntary effort. The newest member can start something in the way of a pet club, a chess club, a discussion group or what have you. The shyest person can lose his self-consciousness and learn to express himself and to feel that he counts. The lonely soul can find companionship.

The Community Association is worth-while. No political party or religious sect can dominate it. The colour of your skin doesn't mean anything. You are a person, you count.

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Bingo. There is to be no more "Bingo" at the Watling Centre. It's illegal. This game is played all over the country at various places. At holiday camps it is a recognised part of the programme; in fact they don't play for prizes; they 'give 'em the money Barney.'

In one holiday camp we visited recently, there were also pin tables and slot machines, where adults and many children were attracted and initiated into the fascination of gambling.

Maybe some of the people who used to spend an innocent and harmless evening at the Centre playing bingo for a tea set or a few pots and pans will now go to the dogs and begin to gamble in earnest.

With all the gambling which goes on in horse racing, football pools, the Irish sweepstake, etc., to single out and stop bingo seems bunkum.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Through the initiative and enthusiasm of our friend and member, Mrs. Thomas, our school took part in the Carnival Procession organised by the Watling Community Association, to which most of our members belong. The school also took a prominent part in all the festivities of this Watling Week as in other years.

One afternoon Mr. Ford, a friend of ours for many years, talked to us of the many notable people he has known throughout a long and richly varied life. On another afternoon Mrs. Kennard spoke most sympathetically and with much understanding on The Colour Problem Today.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Richardson, our social secretary, who takes so much care in arranging outings and happy social afternoons now and then for us throughout the year, the latest being a lovely trip to Bourneville.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This month—the centre of the holiday season—has found our meetings smaller than usual, but not so the social on July 27th arranged to wish *bon voyage* to two daughters and their children returning to the States, and also as a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Stabler and their daughter returning from overseas. This function was very well supported: the two new members we have made this month came along with a number of friends, amongst whom was a daughter from the U.S. All thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We were very pleased to have amongst us our very good friend from Glo'ster, Mrs. Slatter, it is always a pleasure to see her smiling face. We were closed for August Bank Holiday, our meeting on August 8th was made extremely interesting by our Secretary reading various news items appertaining to our branch in three different U.S. and Canadian papers, and also the report from our delegate to the E.C., Mr. Ellis; this covered the affiliation of our association with the 'Brides Parents' to whom we contemplate amalgamation. As soon as this is completed we shall have a new set of initials and be known as the C.A.N.U.S.P.A.

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What a pity it rained when this year's Borough Show seemed all set for success. Every year, so far, the show has been spoiled by the weather. The entrance fee of 1 6 was a popular price and there was plenty to see for our money. The aquarium and the cage birds were alone worth the money.

In the Arts and Crafts tent several local groups were in evidence. The Community Centre stall comprising the four Hendon Community Associations aroused some interest and several enquiries were made about Community Associations. What were they? What did they do? Some information was gathered from the stall, but there was no comprehensive leaflet to hand out. We must do better next year.

NEW HALL FLOOR

The floor in the main hall at the Centre has, through constant use, worn out, and a new one, at great expense, has been relaid. What we must do now, is to bring in new members and start new activities to help to pay for it.

Old time dancing, square dancing and dramatics are activities which will benefit by the new floor in the immediate future.

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News items, articles and club notes welcomed. *Hon. Editor*, Fred Lake; *Business Manager*, Ada Filby and May Lake.

The *President* of the Association is Mr. A. I. Jones; *Chairman*, Mr. Ford; *Vice-Chairman*, Fred Lake; *Social Secretary*, Mr. Vin. Needham; *Membership Secretary*, Mr. Lodge; *Youth Leader*, Stan Hathaway.

If you have any bright ideas to improve the Centre let us know.

If you don't like the Centre let us know why; better still, come in and help to improve it.

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DRAMATICS Tuesday 8.0

OLD TIME DANCES Monday 7.45.

SQUARE DANCING Wednesday 7.45

MEN'S CLUB Wednesday 7.30.

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DRESSMAKING Tuesday 2.45.

EMBROIDERY Wednesday 2.30.

CONCERT PARTY Tuesday 7.30.

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club which was closed as is customary during part of August is now in full swing again. The Youth Committee is meeting the Management Committee to arrange a winter programme. Offers of help would be appreciated.

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BAZAAR

The Special Events Committee are now planning the programme for the Christmas Bazaar which takes place in early December next.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Talk. A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held at the Watling Centre; Mrs. E. Knight presided. County Councillor Mrs. Wright gave an interesting talk on social work and welfare, particularly in connection with children and aged. She was thanked by Mrs. A. M. Seddon and Mrs. West.

Donation. It was agreed to send a donation to the Red Cross.

Competition. Competition was won by Mesdames Haigh, Francis, Venn.

Open Meeting. An opening meeting was arranged for August 11th with an exhibition of handicraft, homecraft, floral arrangement, and antiques.

An Outing will be held in September to Clacton.

L.C.F.

MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

Coast runs and camping seems to be first choice with the members in this wonderful weather, which is as it should be. It is a fine start for our new Camping Section who have their own Committee as follows: Larry Bergar, Jack Emberton and Tom Munslow; Tom is their representative on the Club Committee. Members interested in camping should contact any of these in their enquiries, but it should be mentioned that any important matter concerning the Club as a whole must have the approval of the Club Committee. The climax of camping came on August Bank Holiday when most of the Club found their way to Wallingford-on-Thames. I was the leader, as usual arriving there on Thursday and on my own till Saturday, when I was joined during the day in helping to fill up our own plot of ground with at least ten tents. On the Sunday we had the Sunday Club run party with us, making quite a crowd of about 30 members at the camp, till it was time for me to leave on Tuesday evening, the last away. Hard luck Anne and Jack having trouble with their M/C on the way home—had to finish the ride in a taxi with the Family Robinson. I was sorry we could not run the Chalk Chase on the date arranged, most of us had other things to do on that Sunday it seems, but I hope we make amends for this on September 4th, which is a date to book for our Treasure Hunt. I have all the arrangements made, so it is up to you to support this fixture or you won't get them in the future.

And on the 25th is another date to support, our Annual Sports Day at which we hope to see all of the Club.

How did the Club members like the Milford-on-Sea run *via* Bournemouth? As a reminder, we have another run that way on the 11th to Muddeford Bay. This is quite a nice place, see you there I hope.

So I will close with another reminder of our Tramp Supper on Friday, September 9th. Come and join in the fun on that night with last year's King of the Road.

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" OLD TIME DANCING "

It is with great interest that Mrs. Matthews and I are looking forward to next season's Old Time Dancing on Monday evenings at the Centre, especially in view of the fact that a new floor will be ready for opening night. Grace and I were very encouraged with the new additions to our very enjoyable evenings, and also regret the non-appearance of some of the older members. We know that quite a few persons wish that they could dance, but hesitate when the opportunity arrives, and it is to them that I say 'Don't be fright' to come along and make up your mind that you are really going to enjoy yourselves. Please remember that we all had to learn at sometime or another, and the fact that you are learning will not be an obstacle to the older members. Please remember also that it is old time dancing, with little heed to the modern dancing that is being taught in so many old time clubs to-day, and that last but for a few weeks only. With these things in your mind, please do your best to make next season a bumper one, and Monday night a night that you will really look forward to. " Happy Dancing."

ARTHUR MATTHEWS

LOST AND FOUND

Lost. From the various allotment plots in Watling. Unripe fruit and sundry other garden produce. Will the finders please return to the rightful owners or leave well alone in the future. Will those parents whose children develop sudden and un-explainable tummy pains, please make enquiries re the source of these pains.

Found. On numberless occasions umbrellas, coats and other property which has been left in or around the Community Centre. Will those with bad memories please tie a knot in their handkerchief.

Found. An increasing number of old, lonely and sick residents who need the interest of active and friendly neighbours. Will those who may be able to help please contact the Secretary.

Lost or Misplaced. The desire by many to help others, or to share their leisure hours in a worthwhile activity. Opportunities are provided at the Community Centre and we would welcome those who would like to join us.

X-RAY

The Mass X-ray Unit will carry out a road by road tour beginning on 19th September when every Watling resident over the age of 14 will be able to have a free chest X-ray.

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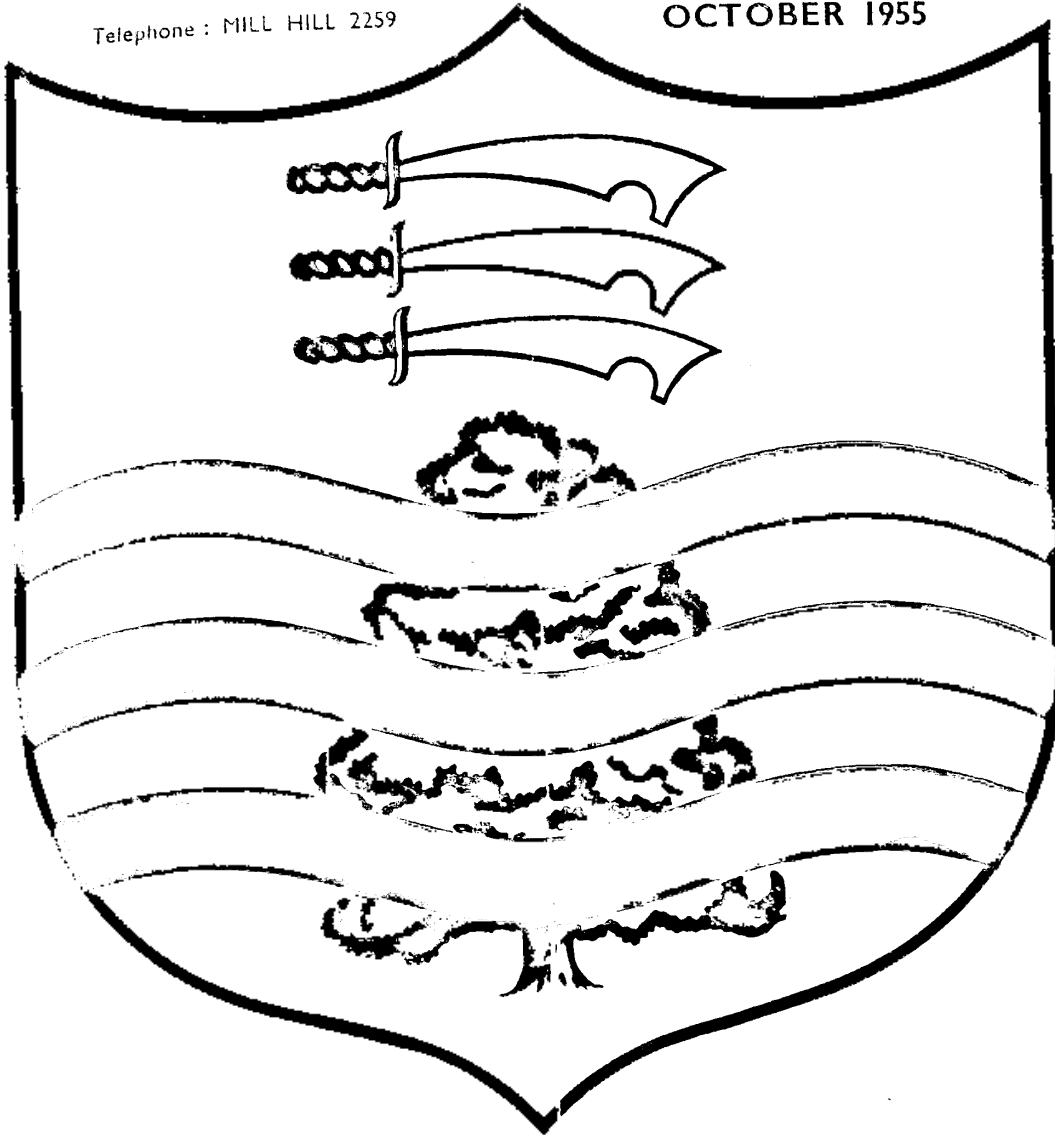
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AFFAIRS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Within the last twelve months the Association has spent well over £800 on repairs, renewals, re-decorations and new equipment and this has meant a large withdrawal from the reserves of the Association.

This expenditure has caused us some concern as funds are not coming in to offset this amount and the Council is to discuss the matter at its next meeting.

Without wishing to prejudice discussion we feel some consideration to this problem should be given by every member and every local resident. Is the money spent to run the Centre justified and are we getting value for our money?

The work of the Association can be divided under two main headings:

1. *Wider Work.* In other words work on behalf of the many local residents. Acting, as far as possible, as the organised "voice" of Watling; acting as a welfare organisation; acting in an attempt to create and develop friendliness and companionship. Thinking of the many real problems each and everyone of us have and trying to overcome or ease those problems. For this work we receive little or no financial help. "The few" have to raise the money.

2. *The Community Centre.* Often the work of the Association is confused and narrowed by too much emphasis on the Centre; by the belief that the Centre is the Association. The Community Centre is used as the home of the Association and as the meeting place for members and constituent bodies. It is not large enough to take in all we would like; it may take in some things some of us may dislike. It is a very expensive Centre to run. In order to raise money to keep the Association going we let it for weddings and other receptions. Perhaps, too much time of the Council is taken up with matters of management of the Centre.

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The Association needs your active support and membership! We have said this many times before and, although we do continue to obtain new members, we have not received the support necessary. Once again we ask residents to join in some activity at the Community Centre or to make a regular subscription to the funds of the Association.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We were glad to welcome to our school, during July, Miss Louise Laycock, President of the N.A.S.U., when she spoke about the Bible. We agreed that the many translations and revisions do confuse some, but sincere study reveals the mind and purpose of God and His will for us making the meaning—loving God and our neighbour as ourselves—clear.

Mrs. Mantrip gave us a lovely feast of music once again when she brought the Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild Choir to sing for us, she herself accompanying them on the piano.

Mrs. Day gave an excellent account of life and customs on the Faroes and we look forward to another talk by our friend.

Mrs. Woolhead very ably acted as treasurer and social secretary while Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Lake were away. We are most grateful to her for so nobly doing these two difficult jobs for us at short notice.

Mrs. Bye gave a fine report of the Spring Rally and of the Executive, and Mrs. Moutell and Mrs. Thomas of this year's Summer School.

Mrs. O'Hara, from Eversfield School, was a welcome visitor on several occasions, contributing much to our fellowship, and we hope she will come often again.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS ASSOCIATION

This past month has been an anxious one for several of our members, those whose daughters with their families live in the area in the U.S. which has suffered so disastrously in the recent floods. All is now well. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller suffered superficial damage to her house. The club have sent £5 to the U.S. Red Cross, and Mr. DaCosta, one of our members recently returned from the States, gave a further £1 and 1 dollar to the fund set up to help those families who have lost their everything. We have been in the news in a big way. Did you see the letter written by our Secretary, Mrs. Bromage in a recent issue of *The Star*? From this came many enquiries from people all over the country, and the club have been able to put several parents in touch with their nearest branch. We have to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bromage, for their good work and also Mr. and Mrs. Stabler for their efforts on behalf of other potential members. We have had, also, articles in several U.S.



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and Canadian papers which have caused much interest. Mr. DaCosta gave us a most interesting talk on his recent visit to the U.S. and once again we were assured of the big welcome waiting 'over there,' to any of our members who make the journey.

A. TRICKEY.

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING

Drama Festival. It was reported that arrangements for the Drama Festival were proceeding and it was hoped a final report would be available at the next meeting.

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Collection of Rents. Information had been received from the L.C.C. re the new method of rent collection. After discussion it was agreed to support this, subject to it being understood that exceptions may have to be made in certain cases.

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Advice Service. The Association had written some months ago to the Hendon Borough Council in order to make it possible to maintain a more efficient Advice Service in this area. This letter had been discussed by the Hendon Borough Council, but it was found the necessary financial assistance could not be provided.

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Wesley Hall Silver Jubilee. Details of the Jubilee, which is to be commemorated early in October, were given to the Council.

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Affairs of the Association. Some members thought too much time was being given to such topics as bingo and too little time to the affairs of the Association; following a discussion it was agreed to review the wider affairs of the Association at the next Council Meeting.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on the tragic death of their son. Many of our residents have met Mr. Wilson at his barrow in Watling Avenue and we are sure they will join with us in the expression of sympathy.

Prize Garden. Congratulations to Ted Allen for winning the silver Challenge Cup for the best-kept garden on the Estate. The trophy is awarded on the combined results of the spring and summer adjudications carried out by the L.C.C.

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Drama Festival. This year there is a larger entry than ever for the Drama Festival which takes place at the Centre during the week commencing November 7th.

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OLD PEOPLES' VISIT TO EMPIRE STADIUM

"Babes in the Wood." After two successful other visits in the past two years the Watling and District Welfare Committee is once again arranging for 200 old persons to have an afternoon out. We have asked for names to be submitted for this outing but, in view of the large number of names already received, we must warn our old residents that we cannot promise everyone a place. To qualify persons must be:—

Resident in this area.

Over 65 years.

Capable of making their way to and from the coaches and the Empire Stadium seats.

The trip is not confined to members of local Old People's Clubs.

Youth Club. The Centre Youth Club is now on a sounder footing than it has been for a long time. It has formed its own committee, and a Youth Management Committee more in the nature of an advisory committee has also been formed. The problem now is to obtain further accommodation and for the time being the Memorial Room will be at their disposal on certain evenings for suitable activities.

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Loud Speaker. The Association has had an offer of a loud speaker at a cost of £25. This instrument would be a very useful article of equipment for use at many of our activities but at the moment we can't rake up the £25.

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Area Conference. The N.W. Federation of Community Associations is holding its area conference this year at the Abbey Community Centre at Westminster. Our three representatives will be Mr. Ford, Mr. Spargo and Mr. Vear.

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Dancing. The Crest School of Dancing is now meeting at the Centre on Saturday mornings. The Elaine School of Dancing is meeting likewise on Thursday evening from 5 to 7.30 p.m.

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Memorial. For some time consideration has been given to the need for a more suitable site for the memorial now standing in C. Room. An offer by the Men's Club to re-site it in the alcove in the hall entrance has been approved by the Council and the Memorial Committee, subject to a suitable design being accepted. The memorial's present position has long been the subject of discussion. In view of the limited space at the Centre, full reverence cannot be paid; whereas, in the new site, it would be noticed by all; it would be easier to get at; less people would be disturbed when attending to it; and more respect would be paid to it. It could be a memorial worthy of Watling.

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Burnt Oak made the biggest contribution towards the increase of book borrowers—the library at Burnt Oak was a success right from the beginning. Children came to borrow in such numbers that shelves were empty before the end of the week.

At Burnt Oak library a small boy asked to borrow the Domesday Book. Children volunteer eagerly to be junior library helpers in such numbers that each child can have only one turn a fortnight.

The Minister of Education stated recently that the best way of fighting horror comics was to provide a decent alternative and it is most important that school and public libraries should be ready to offer attractive books.

F.H.S.

JUVENILE DANCERS

Though the Watling Juvenile Dance Competition had no active contest between dancing schools this year, a regular supporter of the event, Miss Connie Allen, had the pleasure of winning the trophy when her Crest School of Dancing gave a creditable show at John Keble Church Hall.

As no other school had found it possible to enter owing to the early date, Miss Allen presented an expanded two-hour show with her troupe of lively youngsters, reinforced by one or two adult turns. Mrs. Shirley Cramp, well-known producer and teacher, and mother of local star Wendy Cramp, acted as adjudicator and awarded the Individual Medal to Laraine Saunders, who has often figured prominently in the Crest shows of past years. A special prize for the most promising performance was awarded to Carol Cummings.

Mr. Fred Lake, a past chairman of the Watling Association, presented a box of chocolates to Mrs. Cramp. Miss Allen, after receiving the cup from the adjudicator, was given a bouquet by the girls of her school.

Included in the show were some smart skipping numbers, a mock Charleston which had the audience highly amused, and a neat military number in which Miss Allen led her senior girls. There was also an eerie interlude when a ghost danced and pranced to the music of the "Teddy Bears' Picnic," accompanied by lightning, thunder and chain-rattling effects.

There were also individual interludes by Billy Bartlett (songs) and Mrs. D. Wilkinson (doll dance and songs). Mrs. G. Manger accompanied the show in her usual helpful style.

Social. The social committee suffered a loss when bingo was stopped, but they are now arranging socials and other activities to take place during the winter months. Ideas and assistance would be welcomed.

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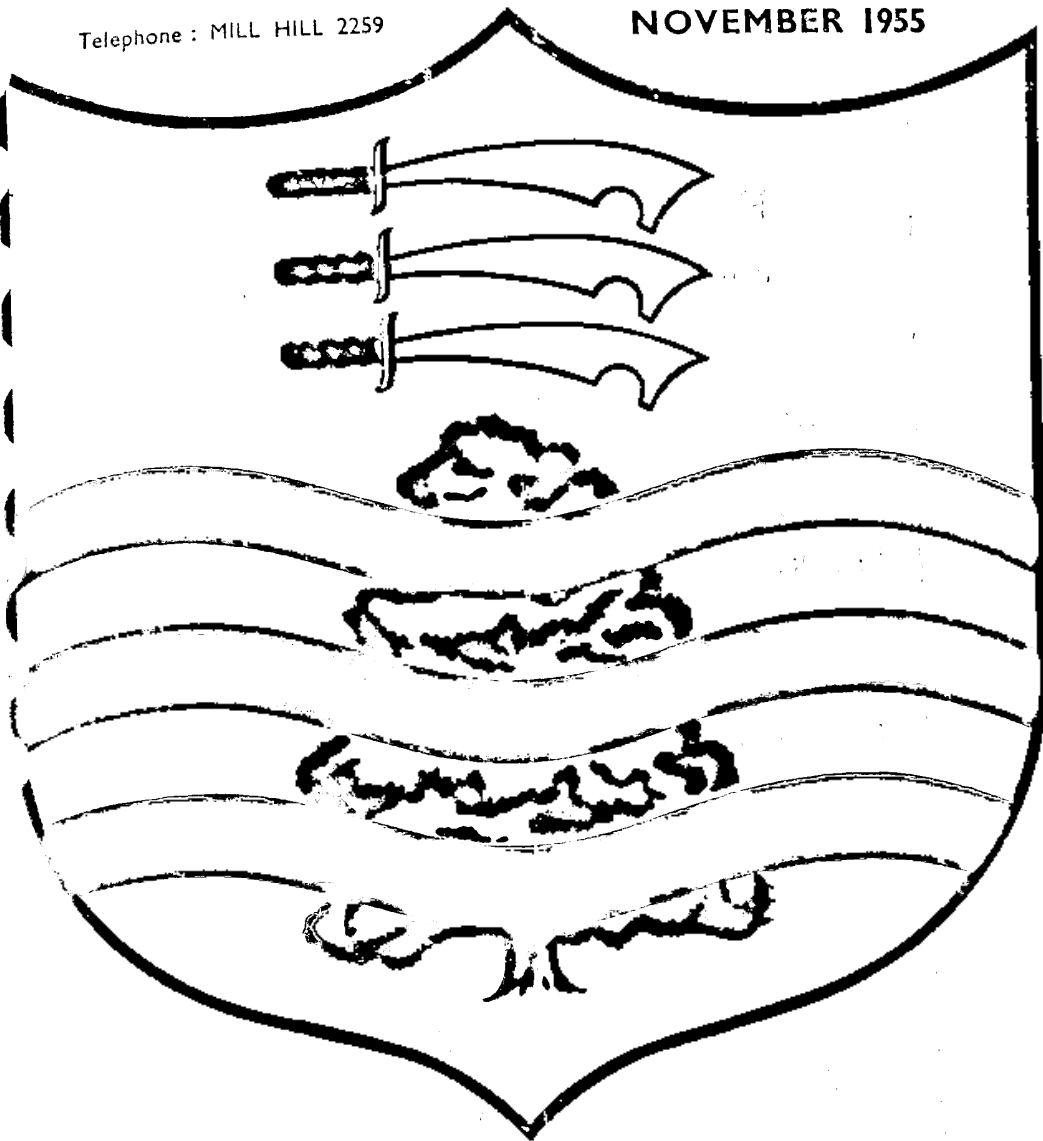
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Enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Watling and District Welfare Committee, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

BLIND CLUB

The Club closed down for the month of August, chiefly to give some respite to the sighted helpers. Ordinary meetings were resumed in September, when domino-drives were held; Miss Tolman gained the first prize and Miss Henley the booby; it happened that a quantity of fruit and vegetables had been presented to us, so a number of "also rans" received prizes. On the 27th, Miss Langley won the first prize, Miss Henley the second, and Mrs. Bryant the booby. Mrs. Rowley very kindly invited members to a garden-party on the 13th at her house at Totteridge. The afternoon turned out wet, a rare

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experience this summer, so the party was transferred to the Watling Centre, where all enjoyed a magnificent tea, and would tender their thanks to their generous hostess. On the 20th, "impromptu debates" were held which were quite stimulating, but so brief that their interest is evanescent and does not leave much in the memory to record. Annual General Meeting—11th October.

WEIGHT-LIFTERS

Readers will be pleased to hear that Mr. Den Foster, of the Watling Community Association Weight-lifting Section, represented us at the Battersea Weight-lifting Club on Saturday, 1st October, in two competitions open to any member of the British Amateur Weight-lifting Association in this country. He lifted 135 lbs. on the right hand snatch, and 275 lbs. on the continental jerk, and was presented with a silver plaque for winning this contest. In the second competition he lifted 175 lbs. in the two hands press with dumbbells, and 242 lbs. in the two hands clean and jerk with barbell. In this contest he was third and gained a bronze medal. Both competitions were run on body-weight ratio lines and this meant that Den had to perform against men of various class weights from all over England.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Mrs. Vear was in every way a fit speaker on "The Psychologist's View of Man's Roots" when she guided our lesson on this subject on 5th September, helping and encouraging us to seek the meaning of our notes. We agreed, after a most interesting talk and following discussion, that life should be lived with each one remembering that "both soil and roots of life depend on me." Mrs. Trickey again spoke on her visit to South Africa. This lady treated both white and coloured people there with equal courtesy, sometimes against the (decidedly un-Christian) rule. She gave some interesting, disturbing and sometimes amusing pictures of life there, and we feel that Mrs. Trickey has left behind her much good feeling. We have enjoyed a harvest festival, and a lovely day at Southend for which many thanks are due to Mrs. Richardson. We invite you to share our future programme:—

Nov. 7.—"Book Collecting," by a Librarian.

Nov. 21.—Two speakers from the Marriage Guidance Council.

Nov. 28.—Mr. W. Groom from John Groom's Crippleage.

Dec. 5.—"John Henry Newman," by Father Herbert Keldany, Chaplain of the Newman Society.

YOUTH CLUB

The Watling Association Youth Club is at last showing its paces in the field of sport as well as its helpfulness in the community. Boys as well as girls have been doing a useful job of chopping wood for the old people on the estate. Congratulations go to George Tungate and Michael Watts on their



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table tennis, being selected for the Hendon table tennis team. Both boys only dropped one set throughout the competition. Also congratulations go to the football team on their first match of the season by a handsome victory of 6 goals to 3, against the 8th Hendon Scouts, at Sunny Hill Park. Keep it up, W.A.N.C.

Valuable help will be given to the Youth Club by an old member of the club: Ernie Saville, who has offered his services in the running of the various activities.

Memorial. Two members of the Centre who are doing a good job of work in the construction of the new site in the Hall for the memorial, now sited in C room, are Ernie Bourne and Sid Darker.

JUST A MOMENT

FRED LAKE.

I like a game of cards; I go to various whist drives, but I'm thinking of giving up this pleasant pastime because of the way some people deal the cards. What I mean is, why do certain people lick their fingers or thumb when dealing? If the cards happen to be sticky, wetting them only makes them worse. One man I know licks the whole length of his thumb before he deals. It's a dirty thumb too, and it must taste horrible, but he seems to relish it. It must give him lots of germs. Serves him right. He deals me cards wet with saliva. Surely this licking business is unnecessary and unhygienic. In this area, we have just had a visit from the mobile X-ray unit for T.B. prevention. We have been lectured on the urgency for cleanliness and of the dangers of spitting and yet, during a game of cards there are enough germs passed round to contaminate the lot of us. At each dealing, one person licks his fingers and infects the cards, someone else licks her thumb, and so it goes on, and by the end of the evening we are all lapping up each other germs. Ugh! It's enough to give us all galloping convulsions. I always wash my hands as soon as I get in after a whist drive as I consider that it is a most dangerous source of infection. By the way, there's a whist drive at the Centre next Friday. Do try and turn up.

HAMPSTEAD ADULT SCHOOL NEWS

Mr. Reginald Flint, who has acted as Secretary for a number of years to the Hampstead School, has left to return to his native Blackburn in Lancashire. The school will lose a very staunch and valuable member. At the October breakfast, Mr. Flint was presented with a cheque and it is understood that he has purchased a lawn mower to mow the lawn in his new house in the North. The October breakfast was not so well attended as in previous years, we missed the Pratten family, but the Griffin family were there in full force.

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We must see that the various schools turn up in greater numbers in future years in order that the movement may be kept strong.

Roots. We have enjoyed some very good talks on "roots" from the Handbook and the one on the U.S.A. was very well given and received. Man-kind has always sought for roots; for some idea of God and for some kind of settlement. Man has always sought for some idea of his creator and for spiritual roots. The problem of the uprooted immigrants starting a new life in the U.S.A. was discussed; the waves of immigration in the early days; the cultural ties with the old country; is there a typical American as there is a typical Frenchman or a typical German or will it take a generation or two before a type true to America emerges? Is the incredible pursuit of material wealth now going on in America a satisfying occupation, or does it leave the average American with an emotional vacuum? Does this account for the many queer religions; the Father Divines; the Billy Grahams? These and many other interesting points were brought out in discussion. A visit to the Hampstead Adult School, plus a walk across the Heath, is a Sunday morning well spent.

FRED LAKE.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Children. Orange juice and cod liver oil is now provided at Watling Clinic, Cressingham Road, Burnt Oak.

Services. Poor Man's Lawyer: appointments through the Community Centre, Telephone Mill Hill 2259.

M.Ps.' Advice Service: 3rd Friday in the month at the Community Centre, 6.30 to 7.45 p.m.

British Legion Service Committee: every Tuesday at the Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.

Pensioners' Tobacco Forms: can be signed by the Secretary of the Association.

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1955 BAZAAR

One way you may help the Association is through the Bazaar, on Saturday, December 3rd. It costs money to carry out the service work we always undertake and this money has to be raised in some way or another. We do not obtain grants from local authorities for this work; neither do we receive grants towards the upkeep of the buildings and our other heavy overheads. Send along a gift for the Bazaar stalls, make and run a side-show; make cakes; offer us garden produce; sell programmes, etc. These are ways you can help. Why not decide to do it now?

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Despite a wet day we had a very enjoyable outing to Southsea. Our social Secretary is busy arranging a going away social on October 17th for Mrs. Bennett who is leaving on October 27th in the *Queen Mary*, for a visit to her daughter in the U.S. We shall also be welcoming home Mr. DaCosta from his recent holiday in Canada. It was agreed that we re-introduce our monthly socials, beginning in November. These are such happy evenings, why not come and join us all you parents of daughters overseas? We have been pleased to welcome a new member through the recent letter printed in the *Star* and several branches up and down the country have also made members through the same source. Most of us have had our holidays: we were particularly glad that Mr. and Mrs. Davis had such an enjoyable time in France; Mr. and Mrs. Bromage in Germany; we all envied Mrs. Roblou's luck in winning the lovely beer mug brought home by our Secretary. One of our members has offered to make each one of us an emblem to be worn (or else) on club nights. She has also made some lovely novelty buttonholes for the miscellaneous stall we plan to run for the Centre Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd.

A. TRICKEY.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

August 25th a social afternoon, members were entertained with a play-reading, entitled from *Five to Five Thirty*, by the Drama Group.

September 8th, at the monthly meeting of the Guild in the Watling Centre, Mrs. E. Knight presided, and a lecture demonstration was given by Mr. Mabberly, representing the British Standard Institute. With his colleagues, he demonstrated the construction of furniture and explained the testing of articles for quality and durability. After discussion, Mr. Mabberly was thanked by Mrs. M. Lake and Mrs. King. Mrs. N. Chapman gave a report on National Union Council meeting. Novelty awards were won by Mesdames Riseborough, Lathrope and Hedges.

Outing. Member enjoyed a coach outing to Clacton, on September 6th. September 22nd. Social afternoon, a X-ray film was shown to members and a talk was given by Br. Pattison. Members were given the advantage of the facilities of the mass X-ray unit, 5B.

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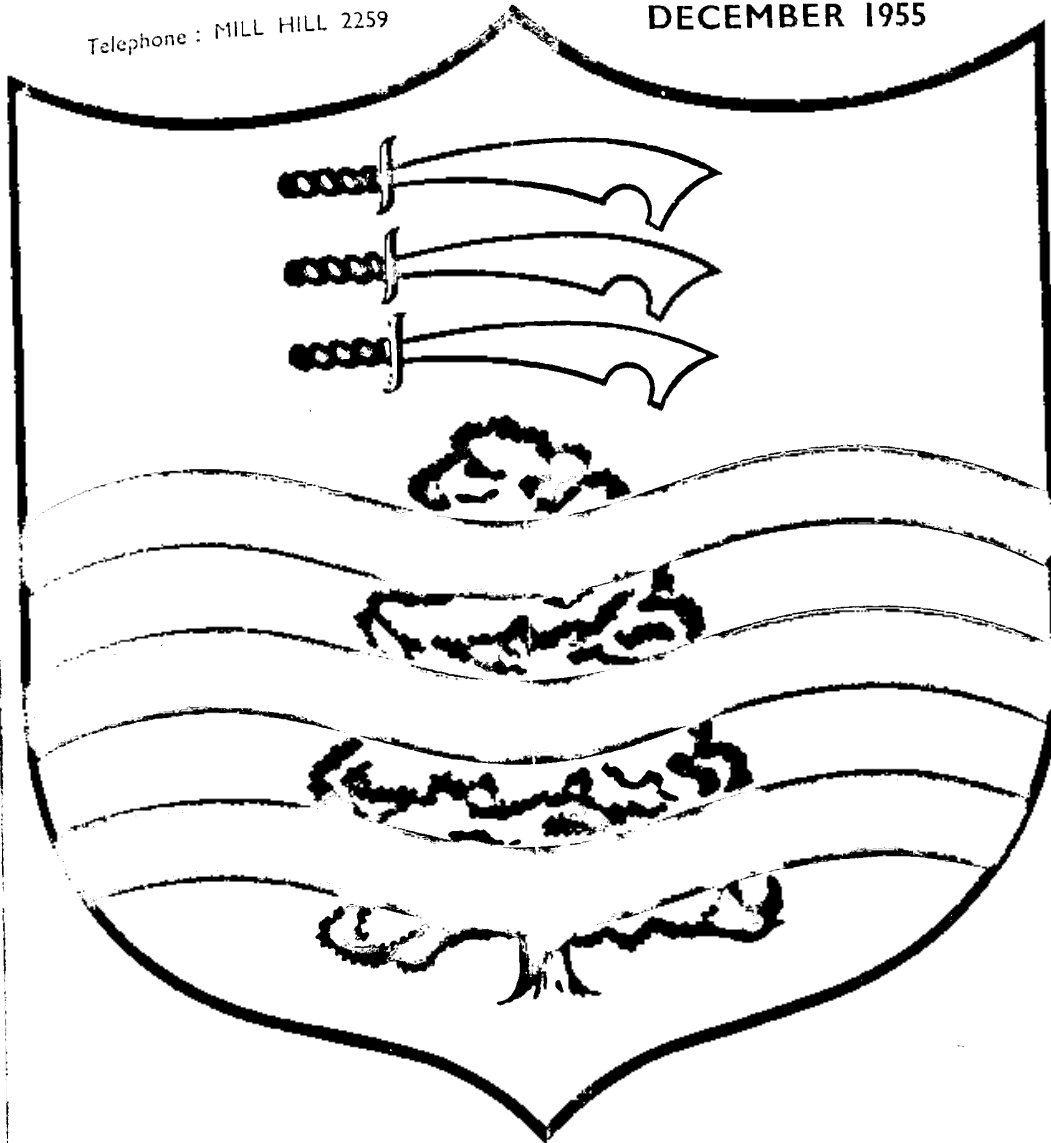
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VIEWPOINT

For years we have been expecting the dawning of a 'Golden Age'. A period when all our fears have been dispersed and man is able to live at peace with his fellows. Present trends suggest we may have been fools to expect an 'earthly paradise' so soon.

The vicious spiral of price increase in most things cannot be allowed to continue without some thought and action by us all. The latest proposed increase in the rents—with the almost certain later, and much heavier, increases—fills us with some dismay.

As a non-party non-political organisation it is not for us to recommend to you any particular political line, but we do feel we should bring to your notice the causes for these increases.

The first, and immediate, increase is the average rent charge of approximately 3/6 per week per house for maintenance coverage. This maintenance increase is directly due to increases in the cost of materials, increases in wages and increases in profits—and there is no guarantee that further increases due to cost of maintenance may not take place. The second increase will, with certainty, have to follow any action taken by the Government to reduce subsidies. As it is, with the increase in the Bank rate and in interest charges on money borrowed, our new houses are costing a great deal and an economic rent for these would be well beyond the reach of the majority of those in need of housing.

The present proposal of the Government is to immediately cut the general housing subsidy from £22:1:0 to £10 and, at the same time, the Local Authority subsidy of £7:7:0 is to be cancelled. (For slum clearance the £22:1:0 subsidy is to remain, but there will be no statutory subsidy from Local Authorities.)

Within a number of years it is proposed to abolish subsidies. It is

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estimated that the London County Council will eventually have to face increasing rents to, at least, another £1 per week.

The Community Association is represented on a London Federation of Parents, which is studying this matter and preparing suggestions for future action. One of the first things we have to do is to express our view as to whether these increases are justified.

What do you think? What do you suggest?

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

It is with much regret that we learn of Mrs. Trickey's ill fortune: we are thankful she suffered no more serious injury than she did and hope it will not be long before she is back with us again. It must be recorded, I feel, that despite her injuries and the great pain she was in she remembered that the U.S. & C.B.P. paragraph had yet to be written and asked for this to be done on her behalf.

The past month has been a very active one for us and a very enjoyable one, for on October 22nd most of our members had a first class evening's enjoyment at the dance and social organised by our sister association. All those who went, feel that such evenings are of the greatest possible value in that whilst working together for a common aim we don't let the present wait upon the future but enjoy every passing minute.

A number of our members went to Waterloo to bid 'God speed' to Mrs. Bennett who was leaving on a very long visit to her daughter in Portland, U.S.A. After the boat-train had left those members set off on a West End jaunt which only goes to show they are delighted to seize every opportunity to get together. But whilst thinking of this departure we have also to think of new arrivals and it was a real pleasure for us to learn that Mrs. Bridgeman had received news that she was a grandmother for the first time.

It must be said, I feel, that grandmothers of today are distinctly different from those of my own day, for our modern grandmothers are so young and charming and full of life. I must confess I have never seen a bonnet or a black sequin in the Club!

We have received with the greatest possible regret the resignation of Mrs. Nyberg our Social Secretary. She has rendered yeoman service to the Club and it was a pleasure to accord her the honours due. Mrs. Larkin is the new Social Secretary, and with all the zest of which she is capable we feel sure the Club will go on from strength to strength.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

We are always very glad to see Miss Farmer and on 3rd October she gave us a most delightful talk about Lillian Baylis. County Councillor Mrs. Freedman has told us of the many things being done for us so faithfully by the members of the Middlesex County Council, often under difficulties, and we are most grateful to them for all they do for us. Our sincere thanks are due

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to Mr. John Stevens, who though not fully recovered from illness, gave an enlightening talk on 'The New Americans'.

A harvest festival has been held, when members brought produce from gardens, kitchens and shops. These generous gifts were sold and the proceeds added to our funds. Mrs. Woolhead brought dresses, which, being sold, provided a welcome contribution to our fund used to help members to attend the L.A.S.U. summer school. We are grateful to our friends, also to members, who, from time to time, bring articles for sale and for our raffle.

Members are paying sixpence weekly for the handbook for next years' study. Do come and share our happy afternoons.

Dec. 5—'John H. Newman,' by Father H. Keldany, Chaplain of the Newman Society.

Dec. 12—A talk on art.

Dec. 19—A musical afternoon.

Our members wish all a very happy Christmas.

TO LET

On some Saturday evenings the hall in the Community Centre may be hired for concerts, whist drives, socials. For conditions and particulars apply to:—Secretary, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware.

JUVENILE TALENT COMPETITION

A juvenile talent competition is to be again organised in the Community Centre—the first heat being on Saturday, January 7th. Entries will be received from children in the following age groups:—8 to 10 years; 11 to 13 years; 14 to 16 years. Entry forms obtained at the Community Centre.

CAN WE BUILD?

At long last we have received the news that the County Council has asked the Borough to place £1,300 in next year's estimates for the extension to the Community Centre. This does not mean that the extension is certain. Through recent heavy repair and re-decoration charges our reserves are too low to allow for our extension—without additional money being raised.

If the Association is to go forward with this work and yet leave a fair reserve for eventualities, we have to raise a further minimum of £500. We appeal to every resident and every local organisation to come to our aid as we have so frequently come to their own. A donation, however small, will be welcomed. Offers of help, proposals for fund raising, goods for jumble and bring-and-buy sales are all needed. Please help us in our hour of need.

TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

The Guild held its monthly meeting in the Watling Centre: Mrs. E. B. Knight presided; speaker was Mrs. Cuthbert, and her talk dealt with Northern Ireland, their ambitions and characteristics; their linen industries. She spoke of their ships, harbours and beautiful landscapes. At the conclusion of this interesting talk a vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Haigh.

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A bring-and-buy stall was held on 22nd October, the proceeds going to our Christmas party: Mrs. Lake and Mrs. Venn consented to sing; and novelty awards were won by Mesdames Lake, Engle, and King.

For their outing on 25th October, a party of members visited the Houses of Parliament, and afterwards members saw the Royal Family driving to meet the visitors from Portugal.

Dear Editor,

May I congratulate the memorial committee on resiting the memorial; I feel it's a very fitting setting, and on entering the hall it gives me, at least, a sacred feeling.

L. C. FRANCIS.

Anniversary Week.—Commencing on January 16th there will be an old time dance. On Wednesday 18th there will be a social. On Friday a whist drive, and on Saturday 21st we shall see the Star Dust Review.

Burnt Oak—Boreham Wood Link.—Express buses linking these two districts is a welcome new local transport service. The new service will include normal stopping buses in addition to the expresses.

WATLING DRAMA FESTIVAL

The same three local amateur dramatic societies which were first, second and third in the Hendon drama festival took the same three places in the Watling drama festival held during November. The winners were The Motley Crew; second were Broadway Townswomen's Guild; and third were Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild. Our own group—The Watling Guild of Players—whose performance was of a high standard, got creditable marks. This year's festival marked 20 years of drama organised by the Watling Community Association, held in the cramped conditions at the Centre. As one critic remarked it was like performing on the mantelpiece. Nevertheless, although it has been suggested on several occasions that the festival should be held elsewhere in a larger hall, it is generally realised that this would take away the homely, friendly character which is so evident on these occasions at the Centre.

The adjudicator, Mrs. Mariel Dexter, who was very soon accepted by the good humoured audience, combined useful criticisms with a sense of humour which was in keeping with the mood of the festival. She proved herself one of the most popular adjudicators and her judging in this most difficult of tasks was fair and was received with general approval.

The plays ran for four nights and on the final night we were graced by the appearance of the Mayor and Mayoress of Hendon and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. S. E. Sharpe. Another feature of the festival was the fact that the two winning plays were performed on the last night.

The dramatic societies appearing at the festival were:—The Motley Crew; Broadway Townswomen's Guild; Mill Hill Townswomen's Guild; The Epworth Players; Birkbeck Theatre Group; Edgware Townswomen's Guild; Watling Guild of Players.

Festival Committee:—Mr. Vear, Mr. and Mrs. F. Lake, Mrs. Roblou.

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Juvenile Dance Competition. In future the Association Cup will go to the winning school, the Allen cup will be second, and prizes will be presented to outstanding individuals in each school.

Bazaar. Mrs. Freedman has once again kindly consented to open our Christmas bazaar. She will judge and then present a prize for the best stall; during the process of judging the hall will be cleared and the identity of each stall will not be disclosed until the winner is picked. Those having stalls will include Mr. Spargo, Neighbours, Townswomen, Social Committee, Adult School and Veterans.

Sunday Dances. Dancing to the rhythm of a first-class band will commence in the New Year.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WATLING COMMUNITY

BINGO. The Secretary reported a letter had now been received from Major Lloyd George. This letter was presented to the meeting and it was agreed the matter be further studied.

LOPPING OF TREES AROUND THE CENTRE. It was agreed to press this matter with County Hall.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BUS. The Secretary reported on the need for more drivers and collectors on the buses before better services could be provided. The question of the time of the relief bus was discussed and it was generally agreed this relief should almost immediately precede or follow the regular service bus.

CORRESPONDENCE - Traffic Control. Letter re the painting of SLOW signs at the junction of Deansbrook Road/Orange Hill Road received and noted. The Council (Hendon Borough) could not support the fitting of pedestrian-operated lights at Watling Avenue/Orange Hill Road, and Watling Avenue/Edgware Road. **Rating** - Information re the publication of a leaflet re the proposed changes in the Rating Act was received. Agreed to order 6 copies for the office and members of committees. **Adult School** - Request from the Adult School for the use of the hall and kitchen on Saturday, January 28th, for the Annual Supper received. Permission was granted. **Blind Club** - Letter from the 'Inner Wheel' for the loan of card tables received. It was pointed out the tables were to be used for fund-raising for the transport of blind persons to the Blind Club. Agreed on this occasion to grant permission. **Harlow C.A.** - The offer to provide an entertainment was referred to the Social Committee for consideration.

INCREASE IN RENTS - Since this matter had been placed on the Agenda, letters had been received from two other sources - suggesting a meeting of delegates at Holborn Hall. Following discussion it was agreed Messrs. Ford, Moore and Vear, should attend as observers. It was also agreed to obtain a speaker at a later meeting to talk on housing subsidies.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE. Agreed the Centre should be closed on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 24th, 25th, 26th, and 27th.

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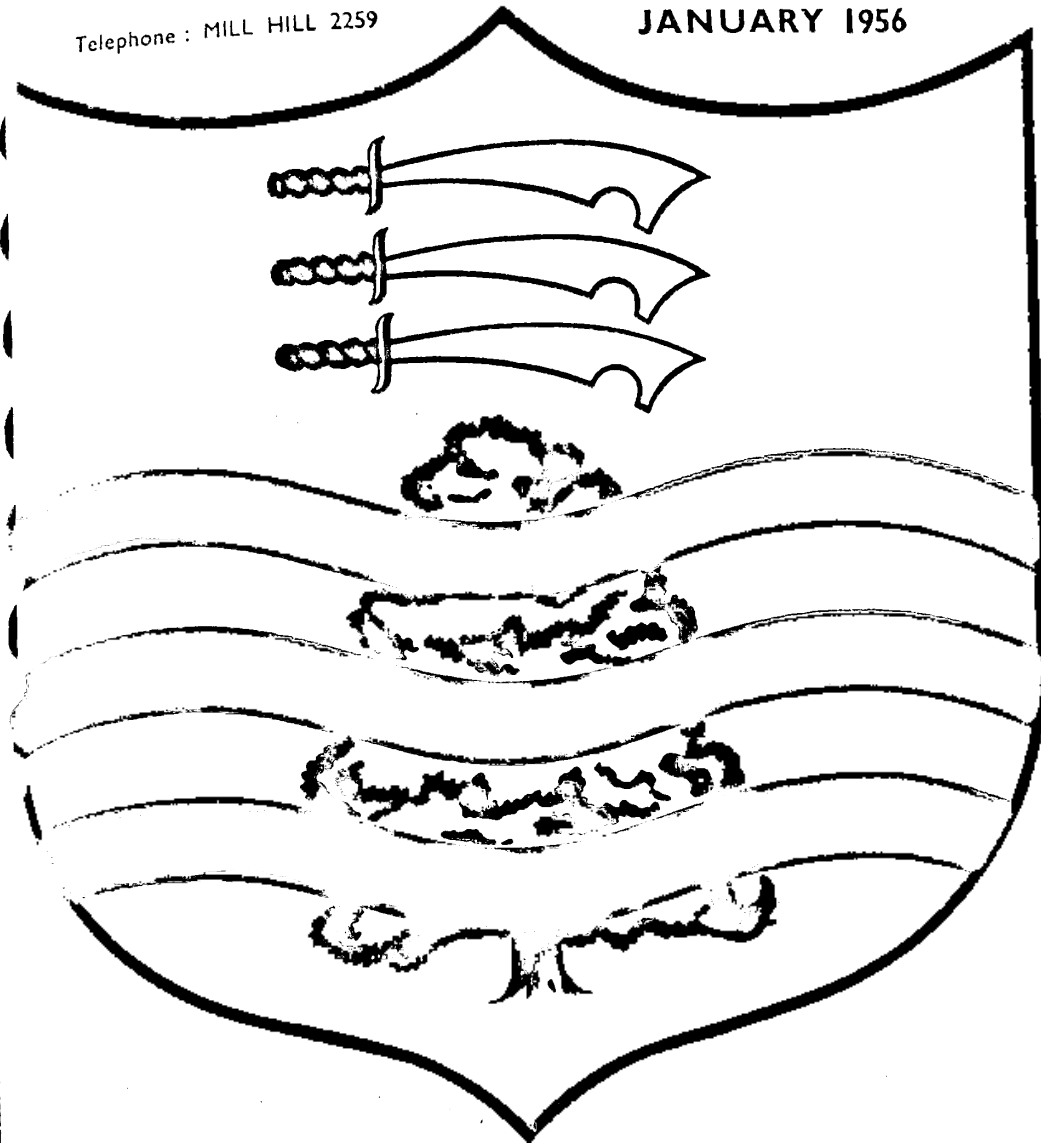
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YOUTH NEWS

The Watling Association under the guidance of Ray Hathaway, has made wonderful progress, and now has a waiting list.

It is pleasing to note that a good percentage of girls are joining the Club and the appointment of a leader for the girls is being considered.

The Football Club is thriving, and three of the boys have been selected to play for Hendon.

In Table Tennis the Club is at the top of the Hendon League.

Enthusiasm is shown for a Boxing Group, and it is proposed to get permission to use the Drill Hall, if this is not financially out of reach.

There is a desire to form a Gramophone Group, but here, the question of accommodation raises a difficulty.

At the time of writing arrangements for the Christmas Party are well under way, but it is questionable whether we have ordered enough sausage rolls. Stewards and helpers for various activities are still welcomed.

RAY HATHAWAY. Our Youth Club leader, Ray has informed us that he is retiring at the end of the year, and we have been reluctantly compelled to accept his resignation. In the strictly limited accommodation available at the Centre, Ray has worked hard to get the Club into a healthy condition, in fact the Club is as good as it has ever been. We regret that family ties have compelled him to retire—we hope he will find his way clear to come back to us soon.

Judo. Mr. Griffiths has informed us that a judo class has been started at the Hendon County School, and classes for the youth of both sexes take place on Fridays at 7.30 p.m.

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Boxing. It is understood that in the New Year, a Boxing Club will be formed on the Watling Estate. The idea has received great support and, judging by the past success of boxing tournaments in this area, especially at the Watling Centre, there will be a good following. The problem at the moment is finding a site. There is space at the Centre, why not go the whole hog and build a real first-class gymnasium cum dance hall. This idea would be received with enthusiasm by the youth and sportsmen alike.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Watling Centre, with a large attendance. Mrs. E. B. Knight presided. Mrs. M. Booth, Secretary, reported on the year's work. Mrs. N. Eagle, Treasurer, presented the audited statement of accounts. Both reports showed that progress during the year was very satisfactory, socially and financially. Mrs. Seddon proposed a vote of thanks to the committee and said, it was not until the annual reports were presented, did the Guild realize how much had been achieved during the year. Mrs. Knight, Chairman thanked Mrs. Burton for her services over a long period. Mrs. Burton was retiring as Vice-Chairman owing to ill health.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:—*President*, Mrs. McNeil; *Vice-President*, Mrs. L. C. Francis; *Chairman*, Mrs. E. B. Knight; *Vice-Chairman*, Mrs. E. Chapman; *Secretary*, Mrs. M. Booth; *Treasurer*, Mrs. N. Eagle; *Drama Chairman*, Mrs. G. B. Knight; *Handicraft*, Mrs. M. Venn; *Committee*:—Mesdames Chapman, Brusselen, King, Haigh, Hunt, Ratcliff, Hedges, Gooden and Venn.

Watling Bazaar. In the competition for the best dressed and most attractive stall, the Townswomen's Guild had the honour of winning the silver cup. The stall holders were: Mrs. Venn, Mrs. Booth and Mrs. King.

Christmas Party—10th December. There was a large attendance of members, their husbands and friends at the Watling Centre. With Mrs. E. Knight as M.C., Mr. E. Cole at the piano and Mr. H. Venn, drums. Members enjoyed dancing and games, the vocalists were: duet by Mr. and Mrs. F. Lake; song by Mrs. M. Venn.

The Drama Group presented a Skit on a Christmas Bazaar, Producer Mrs. E. Knight. Those taking part were Mesdames Burton, Booth, Beare, Chapman, Dimond, Francis, Gaffney and Seddon.

Novelty awards were won by:—Mrs. Wowe, Mrs. Wren, Mr. G. Knight, Mr. Lake, Mrs. Beare, Mrs. Owencroft and Mrs. Foster.

During December a lecture film was given by Miss Driver on "The importance of cleanliness in the home, canteen, nursery, shops, etc."

Mrs. Chapman read the "Season's Greetings" message to all Guild members, from Mrs. M. Courtney, Chairman of the N.U.T.G.

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CARE OF MEMORIAL

Many thanks are due to Mrs. Tilly for her care of the Memorial on behalf of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild, and she has consented to continue.

Members of B.O.T.G. are unanimous in the appreciation of the re-siting of the Memorial, its present position commands respect and dignity.

Dear Editor,

On behalf of my husband and myself, and I am sure, of the people whose dear ones' names are in the Book of Remembrance, at the Centre, I would like to thank the men who have made such a splendid job of the memorial, which I am sure must have taken hours of their leisure time.

Mrs. D. M. McKay.

A CHALLENGE

by FRED LAKE

At the Annual General Meeting of the Watling Allottees Society, the question was asked "In view of the poor growing season this year (1955), would it be possible in future shows to reduce the number of items for each entry?" This question was asked because it is laid down by the Society that there should be 6 potatoes, 5 beets, 12 beans and so on. In another Society we know of, you need only show 5 potatoes, 3 beets and 9 beans and so on, in proportion. In answer to the question, the Chairman replied—and he was supported by some of his committee—"We cannot alter the number of entries. These are laid down by the Royal Horticultural Society." I dispute this. The R.H.S. to which we are affiliated, helps and advises, but it has no power to dictate how many spuds, beets or onions we, or anybody else, should enter in a show. The entries for the 1955 Show were very small in number, and it is not surprising when, owing to the dry season even the experienced gardeners had to strip their beans or dig up all their spuds to make the required number. How did the poor amateur, the new allotment holder fare? He just didn't enter. He couldn't. Now I challenge our Society to prove that we are compelled to put this aforesaid stated number of items in the show. We, and all allotment Societies are independent of any outside dictation as far as entries are concerned. We can make our rules flexible to suit the newest gardener. Let's try it and at the next show we might get bumper support.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 14th November. Mrs. Curtis was unanimously elected Chairman; Mrs. Lake, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Moutel, Secretary; Mrs. Welsh, Treasurer, and Mrs. Woolhead, Social-Secretary. Members warmly thanked Mrs. Nyberg who has served us so well as Chairman for so long, sometimes under great difficulties, and she now feels no longer able to do so. In the absence of Mrs. Brown who has occupied the chair at past A.G.Ms. so well, Mrs. Thomas kindly presided for us. All members were thanked for having contributed so much to the success of the School. Mr. Richardson audited our books for the year as he has so generously done for many years, and in recognition a small gift is to be sent to him with our warmest thanks.

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During November we enjoyed a talk on Book-collecting by Mr. Hopkins, Librarian of the New Burnt Oak branch library. Mr. Hopkins has so much to interest us on so many aspects of this subject to tell that we are eager for another visit from our new friend soon.

Three very gracious and friendly ladies from the Harrow branch of the Marriage Guidance Council came to tell us of the splendid work of their Council, and are to give us another afternoon very soon.

CENTRE POINTS

Cars and Lorries on Greens. Complaints have been made against the number of cars and lorries which are parked for the night and sometimes week-ends on greens and in certain streets. These vehicles which often belong to private firms, block up the road, and in a case we know of prevented an ambulance from reaching a house. If the L.C.C. are given authentic information on this subject they will take action.

JANUARY 4TH—OLD PEOPLE'S PARTY.

JANUARY 14th—STARDUST REVUE.

JANUARY 16TH—OLD TIME DANCE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH—ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL.

Rents. At the time of going to press we are preparing for the meeting at Wesley Central Hall, to discuss the increased rents situation on the Estate. The speaker will be County Councillor Mrs. Denington. In the Chair: Fred Lake. This is a non-party political meeting.

Building Fund. Fresh efforts are to be made to raise enough money to carry out the extension so badly needed at the Centre. The minimum sum required would be £500, but we are going out to get more than that figure if we can. If you know of ways and means by which we can raise some or all of this money, please let us know, offers of help gratefully accepted.

Christmas Drive. There was a record attendance at the Christmas poultry drive.

Amateur Talent. A competition open to boys and girls between 8 and 16 years will be held at the Watling Centre on Saturday evenings (dates to be advertised). Enquire at the Centre.

Youth Leader. Our new youth leader will be Mr. Streetfield. He and his wife have had previous experience at John Kebles Youth Club, and we shall be very pleased to welcome them both. The Club is at full strength now, and our new leader will have a tough job, but we know he is quite capable of tackling it.

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COUNCIL NOTES

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Reports were received from the Executive, Youth Management, Welfare, Special Events, and Social Committees. Arising from these reports it was agreed:

1. To thank Messrs. Darker and Bourne for the extremely valuable work done in re-siting the memorial.
2. To again write to the Borough Show Committee re the floral queen being chosen from Hendon youth clubs.
3. To remind all groups of the conditions under which accommodation in the Centre is let.
4. To advertise the possible hire of the Hall on Saturday evenings.
5. To make enquiries as to the possibility of a chess club.
6. To support the proposed Sunday members' dance and the proposed talent competition.

ESTATE GARDENS CUP. In view of the proposed increase in rents one member expressed concern at the expense of the presentation evening at County Hall. Agreed this matter be raised with the Chairman of the Housing Committee. CAR PARKING. The continued parking of cars, lorries, etc., on the greens was again discussed and it was agreed the Secretary should write to the L.C.C. and Hendon Borough Council on this matter.

PUBLIC MATTERS. Complaints were made re a variety of difficulties tenants had recently met. Long wait for essential and urgent repairs; refusal to remove old gas boilers; broken windows of old age pensioners were all discussed. The Secretary was to raise these matters with the local office of the London County Council.

CARE OF CHILDREN

It is thought by some authorities that in the detection and prevention of anti-social behaviour in young persons it would be better if a single ministry was responsible for the welfare of children up to the age of 18—a task at present shared by the ministries of Education, Health, and Labour, and the Home Office. The same suggestion has been made in connection with old people and problem families. There could be in every town a central office which could deal with the social services available for children, old people, and problem families.

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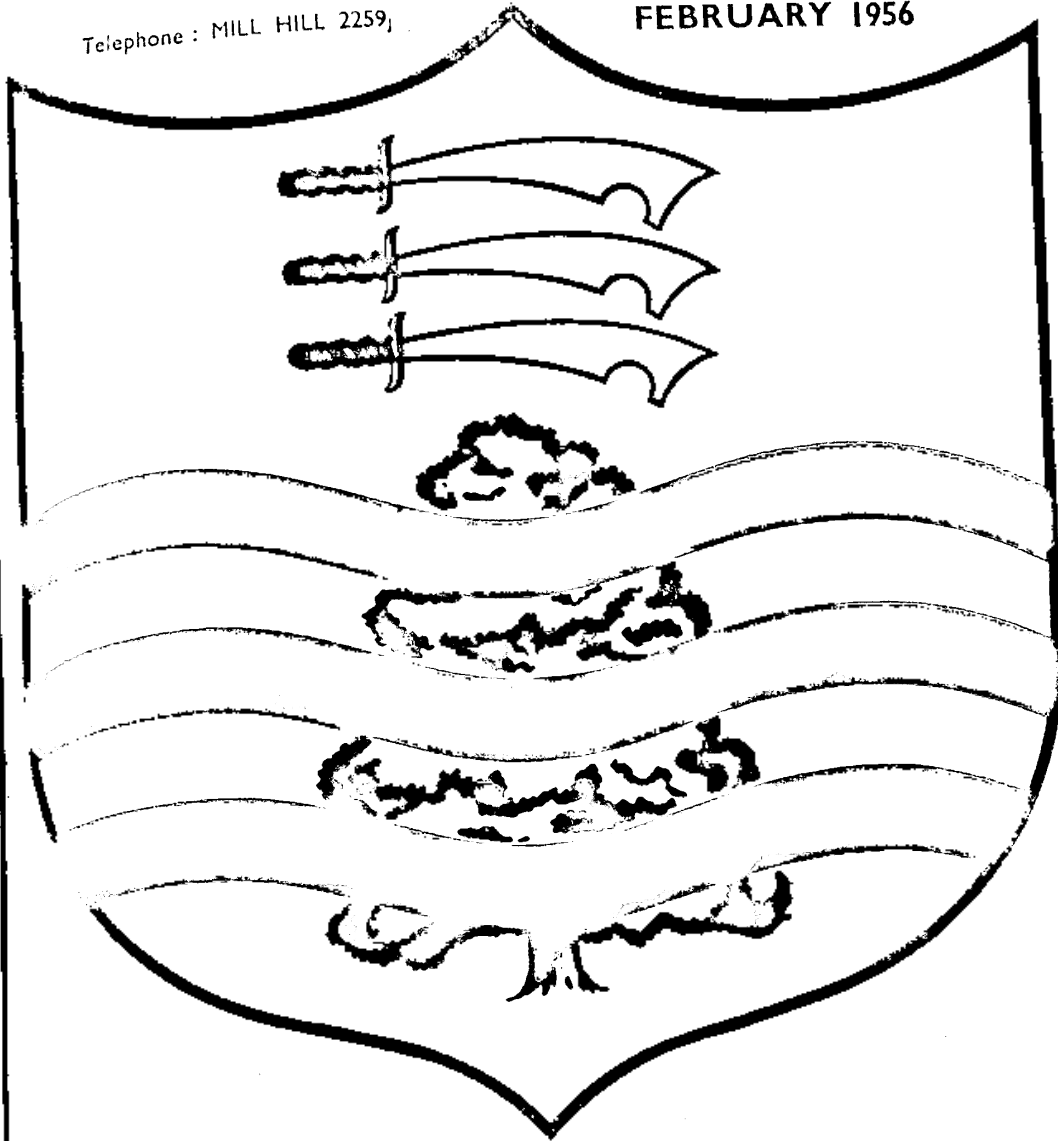
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VIEWPOINT

In carrying out the wider and more essential work of the Community Association we are following an ideal, which is not always too clear to us. Some are concerned with the social side of the Association—the coming-together at the Centre for various interests by varying people. Some of us are concerned with the life of our estate—with the well-being of our friends and for those we may not be able to claim as friends. A very few undertake certain work through the Welfare Committee; others bring points to the Council for consideration and action; but the large majority do not do anything of a positive and planned nature.

If we are to keep moving forward we need a continuing flow of new friends and helpers, new ideas and the stimulation we may maintain through successful endeavour.

We have experienced lip service to an ideal; we have experienced the falling by the way-side; we have experienced those rare and enervating occasions when help has been freely given.

Are you prepared to subscribe to our experience in a positive and unselfish manner?

ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL. Many old friends gathered at the Centre to celebrate the 25th Anniversary Social on Wednesday, January 18th. The M.C. Freddie Welsh, a founder member of the opening, recognised several other founder members. Dancing, games, and a fine social spirit combined to make a very enjoyable evening.

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At a meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild held in the Watling Centre, presided over by Mrs. E. Knight, a Talk was given by Miss Wilson, representative of a Frozen Food Firm. The talk described the many advantages of their various products: keeping qualities, freshness and good condition, both in fruit, vegetables, fish, etc. Ice cream and fruit was served to members, who judged the samples to be in perfect condition. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. Burton, seconded by Mrs. A. M. Seddon. Mrs. N. Chapman was nominated as delegate to the Blackpool Conference. Prize winners in a competition were: Mesdames Brown, Chapman, Dimond, Venn, Noakes and Gault.

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

Our lesson on John Henry Newman was most ably introduced on 5th December by Father Herbert Keldany, Chaplain of the Newman Association. Father Keldany has read our handbook and found it very interesting. He illustrated to us how Cardinal Newman's life was indeed rooted and grounded in God. On 19th December we enjoyed a happy musical afternoon when Mrs. Curtis, our Chairman, who is a teacher of music, gave us a delightful selection of piano solos and accompanied a violinist friend of our who also played some lovely folk and morris tunes and joined with Mrs. Curtis in providing music for our carol singing. Truly a lovely afternoon for our last meeting of the old year.

U.S. AND CANADIAN BRIDES' PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

This past month has been a busy one for all our members, and an exciting one too. Who at Christmastide doesn't watch and wait for the postman's knock, especially parents of sons and daughters overseas. Many lovely cards have been received, and many daughters have written their appreciation of the present the Club dispatched to them. We had a very nice social the week before Christmas, and on going to press, we are looking forward to our Annual Supper which is taking place at the Centre on January 9th, we are hoping to have a full house and to see all our sick members back again. This new year sees several of our members planning a visit to the U.S. and Canada, and we are all keeping our fingers crossed for them. May I take this opportunity of wishing all members and friends a very happy New Year and may Peace prevail in the World.

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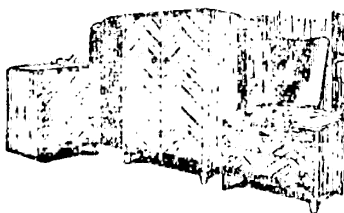
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by FRED LAKE

Most people like dogs. I've kept one or two myself. Dogs have an appeal which no other animal seems to have. When, on Television, they showed a dog without a home, our hearts were touched and there were hundreds of applications for the dog. Kiddies usually like dogs too, especially those cuddly puppies. Some doting parents buy these cute little puppies for their children to play with; you can often see the poor little pup being dragged around the streets on a bit of string.

Unfortunately, interest in the animal is not always maintained. When it grows into a dog it is no longer thought to be cuddlesome. The child loses interest and often so do the parents. They find that a dog costs a bit to feed. There's the job of taking it out. It gets in the way in the house; in fact, it becomes a bit of a nuisance. So what do they do? They open the door and let the mongrel loose. Theirs is no longer the responsibility: so they think.

Out in the streets, the dog ceases to be a cuddlesome thing. It has become a menace to life and limb. A large proportion of street accidents are caused by stray dogs running into the road. If they are not in the street, they seem to be on my allotment, and often I find other things than turnips growing there. The other Sunday morning there were about twelve dogs of all shapes and sizes, some of them good dogs too, on a piece of waste ground near my allotment. They seemed to be having a conference or something. I could almost hear them saying, "Wait till Fred Lake has gone and then we'll go and muck up his allotment." Sure enough, the next time I come, I find plants knocked over, seedlings scratched up and several compost heaps which were not there before.

If we keep a dog, we should respect its dignity. We should feed it, give it shelter and exercise it regularly on a lead. If we do these things the dog will be happy. It will repay us in faithfulness and companionship which we would rarely get from a human being.

Some dogs are shockingly treated, but they remain faithful when human beings would have done with us long ago. The soulful way in which a dog looks at us gives us a guilty conscience.

To turn a dog loose in these days of fast moving traffic is wicked. If it doesn't get maimed or killed itself, it may be the cause of people getting maimed or killed. If we can't look after it properly it is a crime to drive it out or to shut it up all day. There is always the Dogs' Home or as a last resort the Vet.

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Waste less and save more;
Preach less and do more.

Housing and Rents. Arrangements are being made for another meeting in May or June to meet an official of the L.C.C. Housing Committee, to discuss the housing and rents situation.

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Car Parks. The number of cars and lorries parked about the Estate—especially at night-time—is giving much concern. In many cases, it is impossible for the butcher, baker or anyone else to get past. In the case of emergency a fire engine or ambulance would be held up.

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Extension. Various schemes for the extension of the building are soon to be tried out. Ideas or donations would be welcomed.

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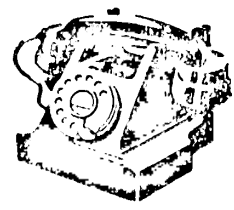
Holiday. A week-end at a holiday camp at the Isle of Sheppy at Easter is being arranged by the Heston Community Association. If you are interested it will cost you 50/- including fare.

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Rubbish. The amount of furniture, props, odds and ends of scrap which accumulate at a Community Centre is amazing. A general clear-out is now taking place at the Centre.

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Dick Lodge. We hope by the time this is published that our caretaker, Mr. Lodge has recovered from his illness. These rheumatical conditions take a long time to clear up.

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DANCING on Saturday, February 25th at the Watling Centre, to JERRY SOULTER and his Music—7.30-11 p.m. Admission, 2/6.

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Poultry Club. Congratulations to the Watling Poultry Club for winning the Competition Cup for the 7th year running, against Willesden and Kingsbury. Mr. May won the Egg Cup. The Club outing this year will be to Southsea on June 10th. A Whist drive is held the first Thursday every month at 8 p.m. New members welcome.

"Hopkins," remarked the Duke as the superior butler swung open the front door for his exit. "I have had a tiff with the mistress; just bang the door after me."

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Irish Priest (addressing invalid): "I'm going to pray that you may forgive Casey for having thrown that brick at you."

O'Leary: "Mebbe yer Riverence 'ud be saving toime if ye'd jist wait til oi get well, and thin pray for Casey."

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Coloured Preacher: "Brederin, we must do something to remedy de status quo."

Sambo: "What am de status quo?"

Preacher: "Dat, my brudder, is de Latin for de mess we is in."

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Customer (doubtfully): "Is this a pedigree dog?"

Dealer: "Pedigree! Why if this dog could talk he wouldn't speak to either of us."

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An Englishman thinks seated; a Frenchman standing; an American pacing; an Irishman afterwards.

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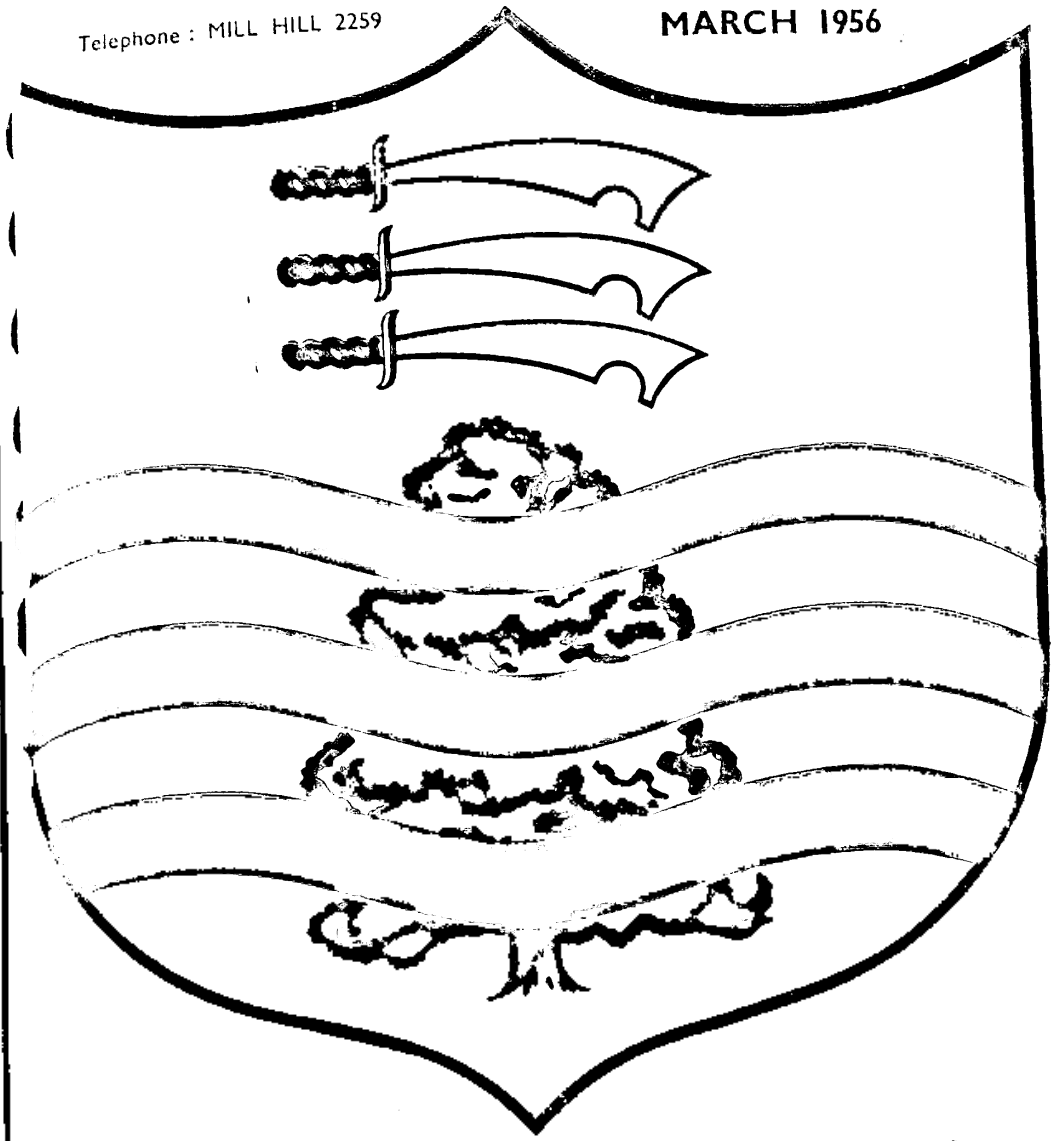
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The Watling Community Association welcomes all local residents to become members. The Association not only provides activities within the Community Service—it also provides services for and on behalf of the residents.

When legal aid is sought; when some action is necessary to improve the lot of some or all of us; when a wheel chair is needed, etc., everyone tends to turn to the Community Association. They may only turn so long as the finances of the Association make it possible for services to be maintained or for so long as we have a body of willing volunteers who are prepared to assist us in our work. The Association always attempts to accept its obligations to you—why not accept your obligation to us and to yourself?

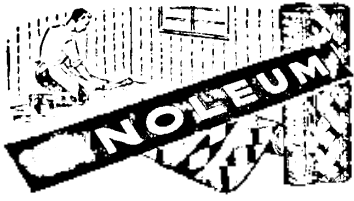
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Our Club began the new year by holding, on January 3rd, our Annual Supper and Social which was a big success, much appreciated and enjoyed by all those present. Very many thanks go to our Social Committee for their tireless work, specially to Mrs. Davis for the lovely Birthday cake. You may have seen the report and pictures of the function in the local Press. The following week being the Watling Anniversary Week we went into the Olde Tyme Dancing and again had a good evening. Next was held our A.G.M. where once again the members showed their trust in the committee by returning them to office. We have, during the past year, made 12 new members and are hoping to exceed this number in the coming year. Some of you dear readers must be the parents of sons and daughters living overseas; we shall be more than happy to welcome you amongst us. We look forward now to the Annual Conference to be held in April at Eastbourne. A number of our members will be present there as visitors and 3 members have been appointed to represent us. May I take this opportunity, rather belated, I fear, but no less sincere, in wishing all our friends and neighbours A Very happy New Year.

A. TRICKEY.

NEWS FROM THE VETERANS' CLUB

This is a potted account of the activities of the Veterans' Club since Christmas.

The New Year party was held on January 4th—a cold foggy day, which didn't stop the majority of the club members from attending. The meal was presided over by Mr. L. Vear in the absence of Mr. Lodge through illness. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to Mr. Lodge. Entertainment after tea was provided by club members themselves: Mr. and Mrs. Vear, Mr. Kenneth Mason and Mr. McGee. Mr. Coles, as ever, was an accomplished accompanist. Liquid refreshment was provided during the evening.

The club members were delighted to welcome Mr. L. Henley and his family, who have been abroad for several years. He visited the club on February 8th and gave an interesting talk on Life in Pakistan. His daughters entertained with some delightful dancing. During the afternoon Mr. Lodge was presented with an engraved lighter as a token of appreciation for his work on behalf of the club.

H. ROGERS.

A CHALLENGE ANSWERED

The Committee of the Watling Allottee's Society, in reply to the letter of Mr. Lake under the above heading in your January issue, would point out that the proposal referred to would only lead to a lowering of the standard of cultivation needed to produce an exhibit for the show. No Society worth its salt is going to lower its standards because of one bad year, especially when the prize winners of 1955 proved by their efforts that the difficulties could be overcome.



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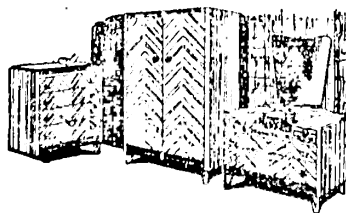
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"The Committee's decision could be regarded as a challenge to indifferent allotment holders and gardeners to increase their efforts and practice better cultivation, thus raising the standard of their produce."

There are vacant plots available in the Society's area for anyone interested and any suggestions or complaints by members will be taken up with the Hendon Federation of Allottee's by our Secretary, Mr. Fuller, 58 Abbots Road.

TENSE MOMENT

The hands of the clock slowly crept around to the time when the man would go to the scaffold. He had just been given a hearty meal and strangely enough he showed no traces of fear. Finally the moment arrived. At the scaffold everything was placed in position and the rope adjusted. With a glance at his watch the man looked skyward and then, picking up his paint-brush, went back to work.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

DRAMATICS, Tuesday 8.0

OLD TIME DANCES, Monday 7.45

SQUARE DANCING, Wednesday 7.45

MEN'S CLUB, Wednesday 7.30

WHIST DRIVES, Fridays at 8.0

DRESSMAKING, Tuesday 2.45

EMBROIDERY, Wednesday 2.30

CONCERT PARTY, Tuesday 7.30

Youth. The Youth Club which has recently been reformed is making good progress. Members are to be drawn mainly from the Estate and those living off the Estate will be admitted on special recommendation.

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Billiards. It is thought by some, that a billiards room with at least one full-sized table would attract more men to the Centre and possibly would start up new social activities. When the extension is under way consideration will be given to this matter.

At the Council meeting to be held in March we are to have a member of the L.C.C. Housing Committee to talk to us and answer questions relating to housing conditions on the Estate. Some of the items we might discuss include: Accommodation for Tenants' children on getting married; Rents subsidy; Labour costs; Builders' profits, etc.; Decoration and repairs of houses, and other allied questions which might crop up.

Then in early April, there will be a public meeting with a panel, consisting of a member of the building trade, a representative from the L.C.C., a Watling resident, and one other. As soon as a suitable hall is booked further publicity will be given to this matter.

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At long last we are receiving a Grant from the Borough Council— at least it is promised and we can only pray that Mr. McMillan does not decide to introduce 'emergency cuts' before it is paid to us.

Given with the Grant we need at least £500 to have the work completed and another £500 for the building to be adequately furnished.

We appeal to all residents and friends to rally round as they did in the early days of the estate. Let us have all that you can afford. Give it in a lump sum or guarantee to pay so much a week to the Building Fund for a stated period. Ask your friends for support; ask your organisations to help.

Our Estate needs a building which can be of more use to the residents. **PLAY YOUR PART** in this time of need.

Donations are to be brought or sent to the Community Centre.

WATLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Watling Association will be held at the Centre on Friday, March 26th. All members and, indeed, all residents on the Estate are invited to attend. Why not start to take an interest in your own Community Association and in your neighbours around you? You can lend a hand in many directions, and in a Community Association there are many opportunities to get out of yourself and to help others.

The objects of the Association are to promote the well being of the community resident on the Watling Estate by associating with the local authorities, voluntary organisations, and residents, in a common effort to further health, to advance education, and to protect the interests of the tenants; and to foster a community spirit for these and such other purposes as may by law be deemed charitable.

Also, to establish, maintain and manage a Community Centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent members in furtherance of the above objects or any of them.

The Association shall be non-party political and non-sectarian.

A new Council will be elected at the A.G.M., also the President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Solicitor, Editor of *Watling Resident*, and Social Secretary.

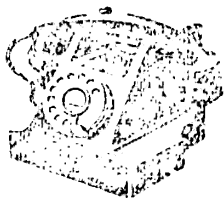
If you want new blood in the Association, come along and elect them. **YOUR VOTE COUNTS.**

BURNT OAK WOMEN'S ADULT SCHOOL

The 22nd Anniversary Supper of the Burnt Oak Women's Adult School was held at the Watling Centre on January 28th, 1956. Over 60 members and friends sat down to a sumptuous meal, thanks to our social secretary, Mrs. Woolhead; and committee members; and Mesdames Welch, Gooden, Nyberg, Richardson, and Lake; artists and members for their contribution in making

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it so. Mrs. Lily Nyberg presided over the greetings and the cutting of the lovely cake presented by Mrs. Lake, Vice-Chairman. Greetings were given by The North-West Federation, Eversfield School, Neasden School, and Willesden, and Mr. Vear (Secretary of the Centre), and President of the London Union, Francis Laycock.

Mr. Fred Lake was thanked for being our M.C. for the evening. Solo's were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Lake and Mr. Mitchell, accompanied by Mrs. Curtis (Chairman), and dancing and games were enjoyed by all—Mr. Woolhead, drummer; Fred Batchel, pianist. The evening concluded with Auld lang syne.

BURNT OAK TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

A meeting of Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild was held in the Watling Centre; Mrs. E. Knight presided. It was with deep regret members heard of the death of Mrs. E. D. Spooner and a minute's silence was observed. Mrs. Spooner will be remembered for her kindness and loyalty, for her work on committee, and for her activities for the Guild in many ways.

A minute's silence was also observed in memory of Mrs. Stance, who passed away recently.

Mr. Horace Wright, of Edgware, gave a very interesting talk on Edgware and district during the past 34 years, and a vote of thanks to the Speaker was moved by Mrs. M. Lake, seconded by Mrs. O'Hara. Mrs. Haigh was elected Outing Secretary. A resolution was passed that Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild should form a National Savings Group, and Mrs. Fitzgerald would undertake the sale of stamps to members. Novelty awards were won by Mesdames Hughes and Burton.

Birthday Social. On 9th February, 1956, Burnt Oak Townswomen's Guild held their 27th Birthday at the Watling Centre and, though the weather was bitterly cold, there was a good attendance. Mrs. E. Knight, Chairman, presided, and wish the Guild many happy returns of the day. A warm welcome was given to Mrs. Murison (Chairman of Hendon Federation), Mrs. Thubrun (Treasurer), and visitors from neighbouring Guilds. Birthday greetings were expressed, by Mrs. Murison, that the Guild would continue their good work for many years. Tea was served by members of the committee and the birthday cake was cut by our President, Mrs. E. McNeill, who wished the Guild a happy birthday, and that they may go on from strength to strength and see many more birthdays. The Chairman presented a bouquet to the President and Vice-President.

Pianist for dancing and games was Mrs. Knife.

The Drama Group presented a Skit on a wellknown Radio Serial, produced by Mrs. M. Dimond, Drama Chairman, Mrs. E. Knight.

Novelty awards were won by Mrs. Kershall (visitor from Mill Hill Guild), and Mesdames Ven, Bunning, Smith, Yewings, Townsend, Chapman, Knight and Engle. L.C.F.

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EDITORIAL

When we hear of malicious damage to property on the estate, we tend to turn to the youth of this area, maybe because we consider that they are the most likely to do such damage.

Last month an adult member of the Association saw an adult male pulling at the fence and eventually wrenching away a large piece of useful wood. Having collected this he calmly walked away. Perhaps he was after firewood—if so, he may have been given some if his need was urgent and he had asked.

The point we have to consider is that he not only adds to the bad name of our local youth, but he also leaves the outside of the Centre shabby. This gives us a bad name.

If any member or friend sees such destructive action being carried out they should immediately report it to the office or to the police. We would like the outside of our Centre to be like the inside—respectable and clean. We would like to encourage residents to take an interest in the Centre and the Association.



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AN APOLOGY

To our many friends and subscribers we tender our sincere apology for the delay in this *Resident*. Unfortunately, matter for publication was not forthcoming, and the Editor was unable to complete the lay-out of the *Resident*.

We appeal to all Secretaries to let us have information not later than the 14th day of the month preceeding the month of issue. Please send this matter to: Mr. W. Firth, c/o the Watling Centre.

THINGS TO COME.

A report on the Rents and Housing "ANY QUESTIONS" which is to be held in April.

Watling Week. June 2nd—9th. There will be no Carnival Parade this year, but efforts are being made to obtain a Fair in Watling Park. The Watling Week Supper and Dance will be on Saturday, June 9th.

Veterans' Club 21st Party. On the 2nd May the Veterans' Club will be celebrating its 21st birthday. Offers of cakes, etc. will be welcomed by the Veterans' committee.

Adoption of Lonely Persons. We are finding 'adopters' for local old persons who are lonely. The adopters to send Christmas, Birthday, Easter cards, etc. Will you join in?

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Sundays.** Woodcroft Sunday School—3 p.m.
Members' Dance—7.30 p.m.
Band Practice—11 a.m.
- Mondays.** Women's Adult School—2.30 p.m.
Veteran's—2 p.m.
Poor Man's Lawyer—7.30 p.m.
U.S. and Canadian Brides' Parents' Association—8 p.m.
Weightlifters—8 p.m.
H.S.A. (4th Mondays)—7 p.m.
Edgware Road Club—7.30 p.m.
Old Time Dance Instruction Class—7.30 p.m.
- Tuesdays.** Family Clinic and Advice Centre—10 a.m.
Dressmaking Class—2.30 p.m.
Veterans'—2 p.m.
Blind Club—2.30 p.m.
Youth Club (Mixed)—7 p.m.
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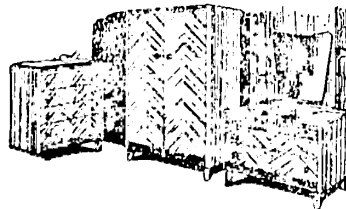
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 T.G.W. (alternate weeks)—7 p.m.
 Men's Club—7.30 p.m.
 Weightlifters—8 p.m.
 Embroidery Class—2.30 p.m.
 Square Dance Club—7.30 p.m.
 Watling Allottees (last Wednesday)
 Band Practice—7.30 p.m.
 School of Dance

Thursdays.
 Veterans'—2 p.m.
 Whist Drive—2.30 p.m.
 Townswomen's Guild (alternate weeks)—2.30 p.m.
 Youth Club (Mixed)—7 p.m.
 N.C.U.—7.30 p.m.
 Y.H.A.—8 p.m.
 Poultry Club (1st and 3rd Thursdays)—8 p.m.
 N.A.O.P. (4th Thursdays)—7.30 p.m.
 Communist Party (2nd Thursday)—7.30 p.m.
 Poor Man's Lawyer—7 p.m.

Fridays.
 Veterans'—2 p.m.
 Youth Club (Mixed)—7 p.m.
 Juvenile Painting Class—6 p.m.
 M.P.s Service (3rd Friday)—6.30 p.m.
 Neighbours—8 p.m.
 Council Meeting (1st Friday)—8 p.m.
 Executive Committee (2nd Friday)—8 p.m.
 Motor Cycle Club—7.30 p.m.
 Whist Drive—8 p.m.
 Y.C.L. (alternate weeks)—7.30 p.m.
 Watling Anglers (alternate weeks)—7.30 p.m.
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Saturdays.
 Healing Service (alternate weeks)—3 p.m.
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Step Press News of the Annual General Meeting

We are again fortunate in having our respected friend, Mr. A. I. Jones, as President for the next year. Messrs Paul and Springall were added to the list of Vice-Presidents.

Treasurer: Mrs. M. Lake; *Membership Secretary*: Mr. A. R. Lodge;
Assistant Membership Secretary: Mrs. R. Needham;
"Resident" Editor: Mr. W. Firth; *"Resident" Secretary*: Mr. R. Munday;
Social Secretary: Mr. V. Needham.

THE WATLING DRAMA GROUP

Firstly, all Guild members would like to express their hearty congratulations to Doreen Kay who was married on 17th March, and we wish her and her husband every success for the future. The matrimonial bug seems to have been working overtime recently, as very shortly another member will be taking on a new role, this time with the knowledge that it should be for life. Some of you may remember Barry Buckingham and we hope you will join with us in our good wishes.

The Guild would like to draw attention to the fact that it is always open to new recruits; remember the old saying, 'Try anything once, you don't know what you can do till you try.' Speaking of new members, we would like to welcome Gordon Heaphy to its company, and assure you that you will be seeing something of him very shortly

E. BRUMSDAY.

THE UP TO THE CENTRE SQUARE DANCE CLUB

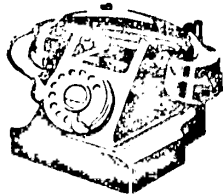
The club wish to congratulate two of their members, Doreen and George, on their recent wedding. The club presented her with a very nice alarm clock on the last club night before their wedding. The club also enjoyed the pieces of the wedding cake which Doreen brought in. Another romance which started in the club is that of Joyce and John who announced their engagement last month.

The club is now trying to expand, by running a beginners' course. So if there are any people who have a Wednesday evening free they would be welcomed as a beginner at the club, and if they come once they won't regret it—try it!

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Once again I have to report that this past month has been one of busy preparation for the April Conference at Eastbourne. Here we decide, amongst other things, whether or not we amalgamate with another Association who have identical aims to our own. We of the Edgware Branch are all for this, believing that Unity is Strength. I am sorry to report that since writing you last, we have three of our members who have met with accidents: Mrs. Mold, who broke her wrist (and is still in plaster). Mrs. Lewis who kissed the pavement too fondly (and had seven stitches in her leg), and Mrs. Bromige, who fell bruising herself extensively, and breaking her glasses; to all these we wish a speedy recovery, and to others of our members who fell victims to the recent arctic weather, and for which dear readers I am sure are all thankful to see the back of. The social on February 27th was a great success, we had the pleasure of the company of our Betty and her fiancée. On the 10th March, a group of our members are going again to a social and dance organised by the Brides' Parents' Association and where we look forward to meeting many friends. Have you noticed each day, the unmistakable signs that Spring is just around the corner? A thought of that Summer outing and a paddle in the Briny is not so very far ahead.

A. TRICKEY.

WATLING CENTRE YOUTH CLUB

The youth club is now settling down under the leadership of its new leader, Mr. Roy Stratford. The football team has had a fair season and reached the semi-finals of the Youth Intermediate Cup. The table tennis team has done very well and finished 2nd in the boys league. Individual honours must go to Michael Watts who reached the final of the boys singles and with George Tungate, reached the final of the boys doubles. The girls have entered the Spring and Summer Netball League, and it is hoped that they will have a successful first season.



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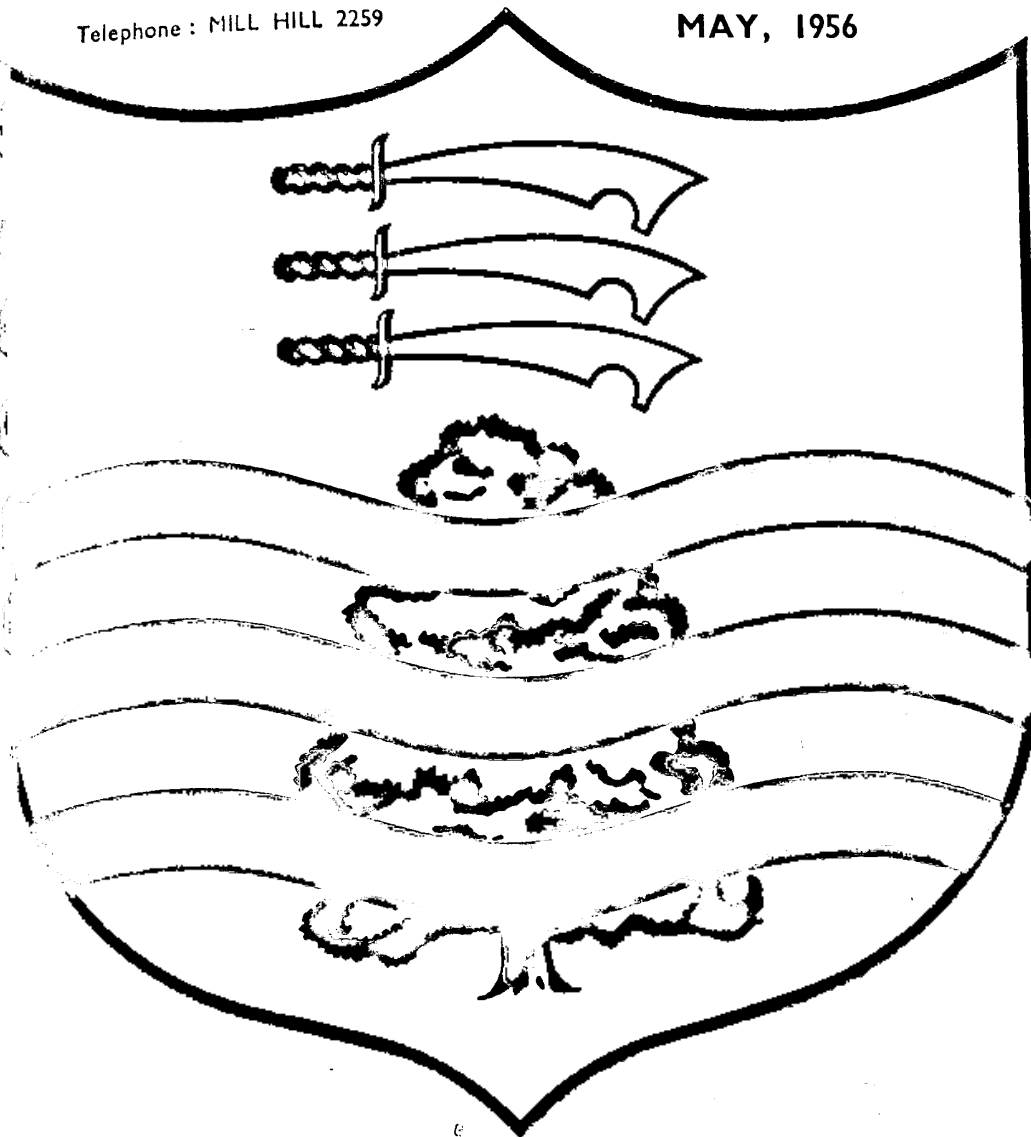
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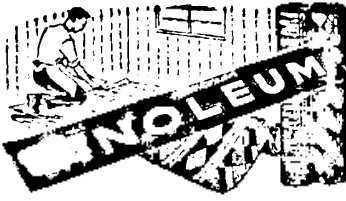
Time after time many of us hear local people—even Association members—exclaim, "We did not know this or that was on at the Watling Centre. Why not?" We have to ask ourselves, whose fault is this.

Your group or sectional activities could be, and would be, published in your own journal if information is supplied.

Groups could appoint their own publicity officer, as a few groups already have. Give us the information and we will see to it that it is published. Remember, publicity pays! If we are to encourage members to join in your activities; if you are to expect a better attendance; we need dates of your future events by the 14th of the preceeding month.

Send all your matter to the Editor, Watling Community Centre, Orange Hill Road, Edgware, or drop it in the letter box at the Centre.

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Many of those attending the recent meeting at Wesley Hall went there in order to make a point. They wished to express a personal opinion on some problem of their own.

The woman who had lived on the estate for a large number of years and had not seen the superintendent; the person who claimed he had had no interior painting done for 25 years; those who considered the estate had been paid for; etc., were pleased to have the opportunity to let this be known.

Arising from this meeting are a number of points we should all bear in mind.

The first, is the need for many to see, and speak to, the person responsible for the estate. They wish to do this without too much 'red tape' and without too much emphasis on the need for making an appointment for some later date when their problem may have been resolved. This is an important need and we hope our estate and area officers will make an effort to satisfy it as far as possible.

The second, is for an organised expression of opinion. As you may well know this can be done—and is being done—through party political groups. If you consider your answer is through party political action we wish you well in anything you may do which is for the benefit of all. If you are not interested in party political action we urge you to join with us in seeking our own solution to the many problems we have to face.

Thirdly, the Watling Community Association has obtained a promise from the L.C.C. Housing Committee for a six-monthly visit to the Watling Estate. You should look out for these visits and come forward with your problems.

Finally, we could remind you of the need for your membership to, and support of, the Watling Community Association. Although we do not 'Bang on the big drum' we are constantly attempting to help all residents.

MUSICIANS

Do you play a mandolin, violin, squeeze box or any other instrument? If you do, don't get rusty, or neglect to practice. Let's get together at the Centre and see what sort of an orchestra we could form.

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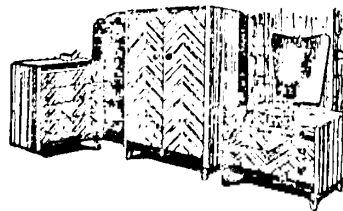
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Dear Editor,

The Club was formed two years ago but has only just come to the Watling
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15 years of age who is keen on cycling, be it racing or touring, is welcome to
come along to the asbestos hut at the Centre, where we meet every Tuesday
evening after 8 p.m.

The main summer activities are massed start, circuit racing and time-
trials, although a club run is arranged every Sunday. Last year, the club's
first year of serious racing, a club member won a local inter-club 25 mile time-
trial and an open 25 mile time-trial. Summer club runs often reach the coast,
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In the winter (social season) we hold a fancy dress club run, an annual
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Yours truly,

A. LUCAS, *Hon. Secretary.*

MEMBERSHIP

A new membership Secretary has been chosen to act for Mr. Lodge while
he is sick. A Ginger Group has also been formed and great things have been
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This past month we have held our very enjoyable social. On another evening we attended *en bloc* the A.G.M. of the Watling Association and from this meeting we realised what a lot of good work the Centre is doing for the residents of Watling. Now many more voluntary workers are needed to help to make an even bigger and better Centre for our use. One can sense the rising excitement at our weekly meetings amongst those of our members who during the next two months are visiting their daughters overseas. Purely business matters are quickly and adequately dealt with and then we not so lucky Mums get together and hand our messages and addresses which (if at all possible), our members intend to hand on to our daughters. We do wish them one and all a happy and successful journey and many many joyful hours spent with their dear ones. I must tell you how much we enjoyed the social held at the Argyll Hall; it was enlivened by some excellent local talent turns; one of our members won a lucky ticket prize.

Isn't everywhere looking lovely now and gardens all being planted and sown with seeds from those colourful packets which never quite look the same in my garden anyway. Comes to my mind those lovely words 'You get nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.'

A. TRICKEY.

WHO'S WHO IN THE WATLING ASSOCIATION

Next month (June issue), we hope to be starting a series of pen portraits on Who's Who in the Watling Association. Do you know who your Vice-Presidents are and what their occupations, hobbies and other interests are?

Read about them in the June issue, starting with No. 1 our President, Mr. A. Jones.

Specially written for us by Rex.

SPORTS PAGE

Going ahead in the motor cycling world is a member of the M.C. Club. M. Saluz rode his Manx Norton with some success at Brams Hatch on Good Friday, coming fourth. On Easter Monday at Crystal Palace, he came fourth and fifth in the Final.

Hard luck followed at Shetterson, Norfolk, when his chain came off while leading in the second lap, and he had to retire.

His future plans include Silverstone and Brams Hatch. Our best wishes go with him.

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We have been approached by several people for the forming of an Amateur Photographers' Club. This should be very interesting, as many people enjoy this immensely as a hobby. We would help anyone to start such a venture. It's open to all. Those who are keen, please write to the Editor, *Watling Resident*, or phone. EDGWARE 2259.

WEIGHT-LIFTERS

Watling are holding their own so far this season in the Second Division of the London League. Ted Booth is having a little trouble with his sternum, let's hope it's not serious. Young Johnny Slater established a new Middlesex record with a two-hands' dumbbells clean and press of 114 lbs. at a body weight of 114 lbs., not bad for a seventeen year old! There's a home match week-ending 12th May (actual date announced later), all those interested are welcome. The club is looking for new members to train up for future teams, so if anyone is interested please come along.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Addresses and telephone numbers you may need.

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ASSISTANCE BOARD—1 Helenslea Avenue, Golders Green.

[Broadway.

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Tenants' Welfare. The Secretary of the Association is always prepared to undertake reasonable work for individual tenants' problems.

Veterans' Club. Organised by the Veterans' Club Committee. Main meeting on every Wednesday afternoon at the Community Centre for those over 65. On other afternoons a room is always available for those who wish to sit, talk and play games. Outings to the sea, pantomime, etc., are organised each year.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Member of Parliament. The member of Parliament for North Hendon attends at the Centre on the 3rd Friday in each month to advise and help as far as possible all local residents. Appointments are not necessary.

British Legion Service Committee. Meets at the Community Centre on every Tuesday evening at 7.30 p.m.

Hospital Savings Association. Meets in the Community Centre on every fourth Monday in each month from 7—8 p.m.

Blind Club. *Social Meetings* of the Edgware and District Blind Club held every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

Handicraft Classes on alternate Fridays at 2.30 p.m.

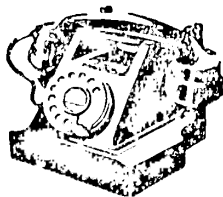
North Kensington Women's Welfare Clinic. Each Tuesday morning from 10—12 for advice and help in Family Spacing. Appointments are not necessary, although newcomers are expected to arrive before 11 a.m.

Healing Service. Alternate Saturdays at 2.30 p.m.

Watling and District Welfare Committee. Formed to develop services to others. Particularly the aged, lonely and sick. Organised the system of SOS window display cards (now H cards). Meets at the Community Centre monthly.

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DISCUSSION

We are creatures of habit. How many of us spend all our evenings round the television or just laying about the home?

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These are things the Adult School discuss. We could form a group to meet at some place on the Estate.

If you are interested drop a note in at the Centre.

Fred Lake who is now the Secretary of the N.W. Federation of Adult Schools is hoping to form just such a group.

TENSE MOMENT

"You're a liar shouted the little man."

"What! roared the big man" clenching a huge fist. "Do you dare call me that, you pint-sized, hammered-down, sawn-off runt?"

"I do" came back the defiant reply. "If you insult me again you big hunk of beef, you'd better look out or I'll cut you short!"

"Cut me short you abbreviated piece of nothing!" cried the enraged giant.

"Yes and here goes" snapped the little man sharply. And quick as lightning, before the big fellow could utter another word, he hung up on him.



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